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Female motorists accosted in West Sac

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Two female motorists report that they were accosted by male suspects who tried to get them out of their cars on Sunday night, in two separate incidents. Police do not know if any of the same suspects are involved in both incidents.

Trouble first occurred at about 10:45 p.m., according to Lt. David Farmer of the West Sacramento Police Department. A 26-year old woman in a car with her three children at a convenience store parking lot on Jefferson Blvd. and Higgins Road in Southport was accosted by a man who approached and asked for a ride. When the woman refused, "the suspect grabbed her by the neck, pulling her closer to the window."

The woman put the car into reverse and started pulling away. The suspect let go, and the victim left the scene and called police. The woman suffered a bruise to her neck and a scratch on the arm.

The suspect was described as a six-foot tall black male, about 40 years old, with a thin build and wearing a black T-shirt.

The second incident was reported to have occurred at about 11:10 p.m.

A 22-year old woman driving eastbound on Southport Parkway near Ramco Street was stopped by a car she believed was a police car – it had red and blue lights on the front grill.

"After (she pulled over)," a black male approached the driver's side window, grabbed her left arm and tried to pull her out of the vehicle while telling her to 'get out' in a deep voice," said a written account from Farmer. "At no time did the suspect state he was a police officer or show any type of identification."

During the incident, the woman reported seeing two other suspects – both white

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Parading pirates & racing ducks

What with the pirates and the rubber ducks, it was a busy day on the Sacramento River on Sunday.

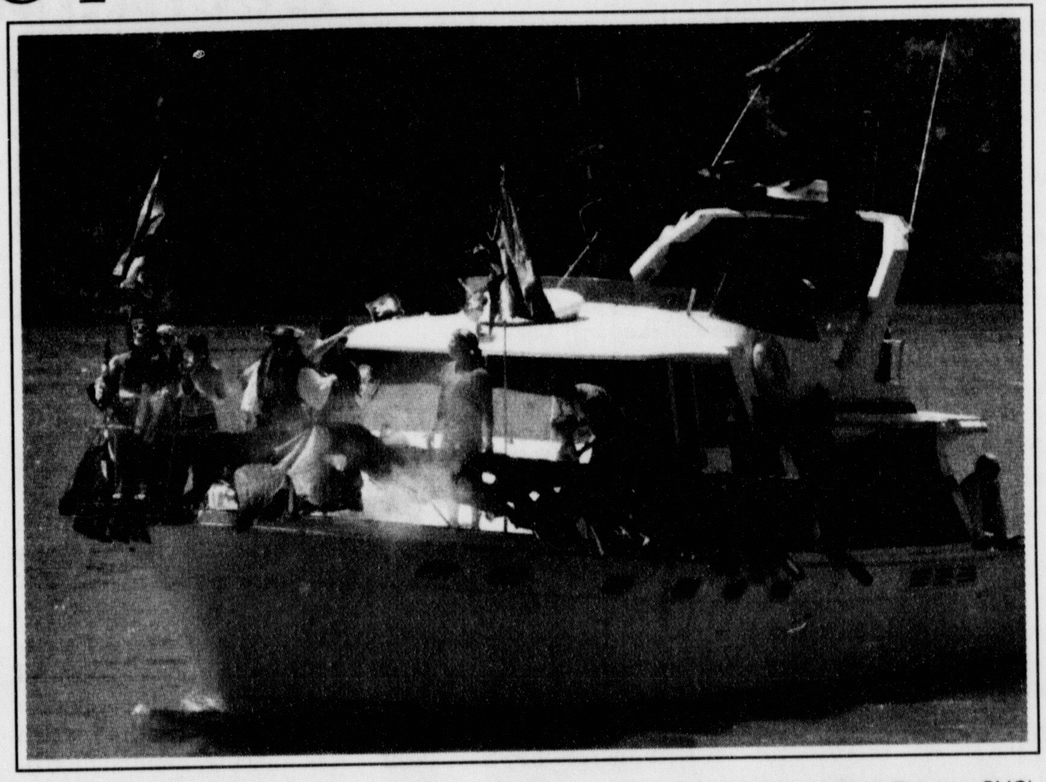
The traditional "opening day" parade of boats from the Sacramento Yacht Club marched upriver from the club's home on West Sacramento's South River Road, motoring past the Tower Bridge, the "ziggurat" building and Old Sacramento. The event celebrated the official beginning of a new boating season.

Winning the prize for the best-decorated boat was a vessel captained by Pete Tellier, owner of GOVSTAR in West Sacramento.

Shortly afterwards, at about 2 p.m., a "rubber ducky race" began.

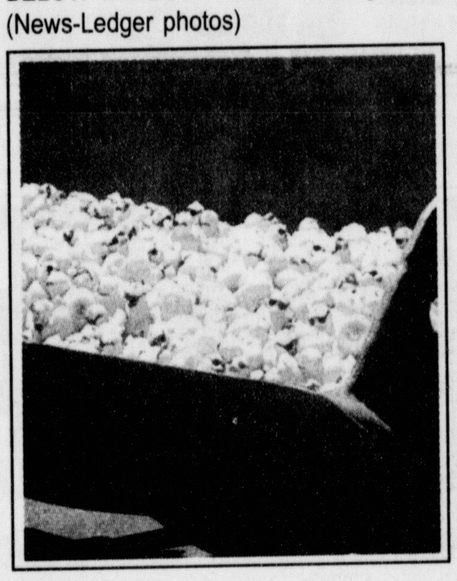
Three front-loaders dumped 8,000 of the little rubber dudes, each sporting "sunglasses," from the I Street Bridge into the river. The cluster of orange ducks drifted downwards for collection near the Tower Bridge.

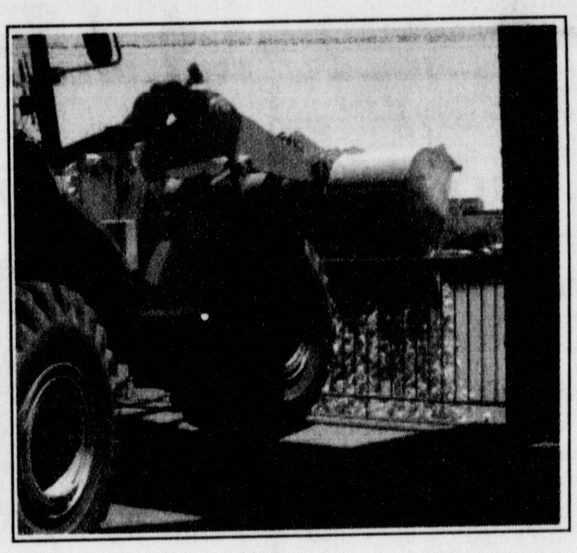
Ducks had been "adopted" for a $5 donation, and the first five ducks to the finish earned their sponsors a prize. The event raised an estimated $30,000 for the Special Olympics in the Sacramento area.

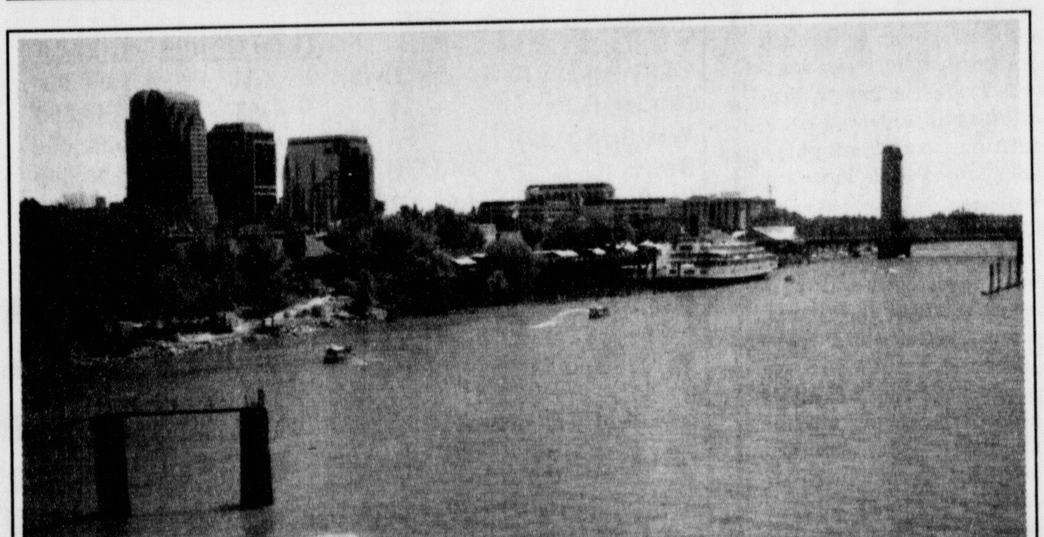


ABOVE: West Sac businessman Pete Tellier's winning boat (Photo courtesy of Wink Thixton, SYC)

BELOW THREE PHOTOS: sending 8,000 rubber ducks on their way down a 1/2 mile race course (News-Ledger photos)







Condos are planned at site of local adult motel

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Plans are moving along for the demolition and replacement of West Sacramento's most famous "no-tell motel."

"The Experience Motel," prominently pink and sitting at 824 West Capitol Avenue, has been home to an establishment featuring lots of mirrors in the rooms, as well as X-rated movies and in-room spas. A Southern California investment company, Almarra LLC, bought the two-acre site last year for $2.2 million and plans to remove the motel and create 82 condo units.

"What they're proposing is very consistent with the city's vision for the revitalization of West Capitol Avenue, at a real 'opportunity site' at the east end of our downtown district," commented Mayor Christopher Cabaldon. "It will bring residents to the West Capitol district who will help support shops, restaurants and other amenities."

Serving as project manager for the development is West Sacramento businessman Dave Westin, who is also known locally as a member of the school board in town.

Westin designed the proposal as an "urban housing project" and said that city staff has shown strong support as the plan evolved.

"The reason why we've had such good response from staff is that we've gone through eight major revisions of the site plan while talking to them," said Westin. "We've made changes to fire lane access, to product type, to where buildings are located, et cetera."

The project architect is the LPA firm.

Westin said he plans to submit a tentative map application to the city next week, and the project will move as quickly as the city approval process allows it to.

In the meantime, said Westin, the owner has leased the motel operations back to a separate party while the structure still stands.

Emergency responders practice in West Sacramento

From the County of Yolo

Over the last several years, the federal government has placed more emphasis on emergency preparedness. One of their efforts has been to place detection systems throughout the United States that can provide early identification of potentially infectious biologically hazardous agents.

Last year, a regional task force, spearheaded by the West Sacramento Fire Department and the Yolo County Health Department, was formed to develop a rapid response plan to protect the health and safety of the public, should an event happen in our area. This plan was put to the test on Wednesday, May 24, in West Sacramento, when local emergency responders conducted a drill of the response plan.

The drill included the early identification of a biologically hazardous agent in a work site. Workers were evacuated from the building, and because they could have come in contact with the agent, they were sent through a decontamination tent. The tent provided a shower that would wash the biological agent off of them, and provide them with a clean 'suit' to wear instead of their clothes that could have been contaminated.

The decontamination tents are an important part in preventing the spread of a potentially infectious agent," stated Mark Brooks, Fire Captain, Hazardous Materials

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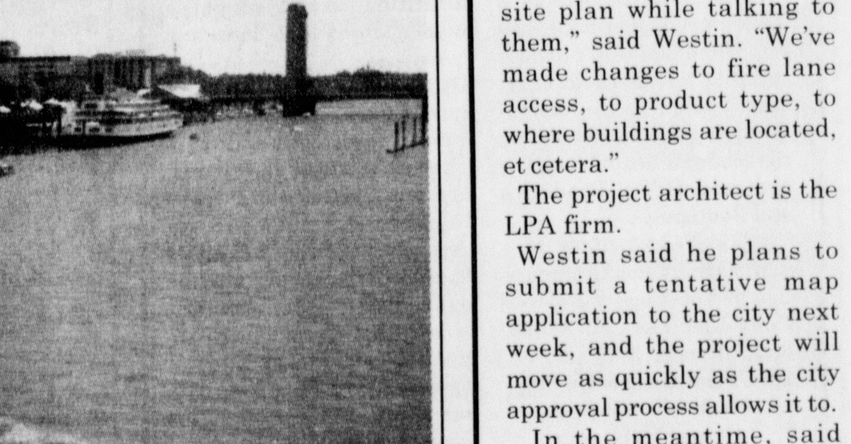
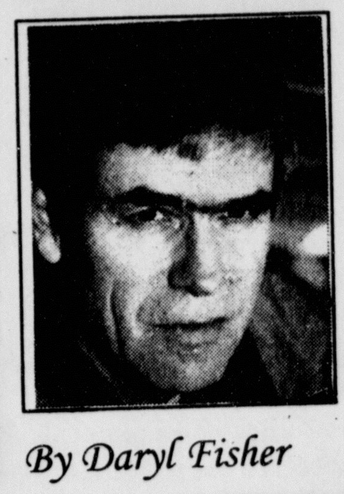


Emergency response personnel prepare to enter a decontamination tent, after a simulated 'biological hazard' incident in West Sacramento

Is a shortage of doctors really a bad thing?



By Daryl Fisher

This past Sunday morning, as I was reading through the Sacramento Bee, I came across a very interesting article titled, "Patients feel the pain of doctor shortage" by a Los Angeles Times reporter named Lisa Girion. The theme of the article was that dangerously long waiting times to see a doctor are becoming routine and it is just one symptom of a national health care system in crisis. More specifically, the article said that 12 states (including California) are now reporting serious physician shortages in fields like cardiology, radiology, and surgery, and that "people are waiting weeks for appointments and that emergency rooms have lines out the door."

Now everyone more or less already knows the above, but the article did mention a few things I hadn't heard before. For instance, I didn't know that foreign physicians now constitute 25 percent of all our doctors because we can no longer come up with enough home-grown ones. And that over the next 15 years, if you're a urologist or geriatrician, you will be in higher demand than a winning lotto ticket. And that new doctors "are less inclined to work the slavish hours that long typified the profession", resulting in physicians being 10 percent less productive nowadays. And that for a routine gynecological checkup, women now face an average wait of 23 days. And that the shortage of qualified nurses is even worse than the one affecting doctors.

Anyway, I mentioned all this to a fellow baby-boomer a few days ago and with a look of horror on her face she said, "That's just awful! How can we be spending hundreds of billions of dollars fighting that stupid war in Iraq and not have enough doctors and nurses to go around here at home?"

"Actually," I said, "I kinda think having less doctors in the future is good news, not bad news."

"You're kidding?"

"No, I'm serious."

"Now why in the world would you say that?"

"Well," I tried to explain, "it all goes back to my Granny, who didn't hold the medical profession in very high esteem. In fact, she always referred to doctors as quacks, so she concocted all these home remedies and she swore that they worked just as well as the expensive pills and other medicines that doctors passed out. Plus when she was raising her family, it was during the Great Depression, and most people didn't have a lot of money and the very last thing they would usually spend it on was a doctor's visit. And she lived to be 89 without ever hardly seeing a doctor, so I've always thought that my generation is much too eager to head off to a doctor's office every time they're not feeling too well."

As my friend tried very tactfully not to call me an idiot and went on and on about all the progress modern medicine has made since my Granny was trying to live through the Great Depression without going to a doctor, I decided I better try to at least fortress my argument a bit with a few statistics that I had heard awhile back on a network news program.

"Do you know how many Americans get infections in hospitals every year that they didn't have when they checked in?" I asked.

"No."

"Two million."

"You're making that up."

"No I'm not. And do you know how many of them die every year from one of those infections?"

"No."

"Ninety-nine thousand."

"Really?" asked my friend with surprise.

"Now that's more people than this country loses every year to breast cancer, AIDS, and car accidents combined. And since you can't get into a hospital unless a doctor sends you there, I think my Granny just may have been on to something by staying as far away from doctors and their hospitals as humanly possible."

Anyway, after my friend and I had agreed to disagree on the subject, I found myself thinking back to a conversation I had with my Granny not long before she passed away. The doctors had managed to finally get their hands on her and the one she trusted the most had sat her down and explained to her that she was in pretty good shape for her age but that if she wanted to live another ten years or so, she was going to have to have heart-valve replacement surgery. She didn't seem too particularly upset by the news, gave it some thought for a few days, and even talked it over with her children, who all of course voted for the surgery. But during her next office visit with the doctor, Granny very politely told him, "No thanks," explaining that she had lived a good and long life and that she kinda just wanted to leave things the way they were.

Less than a year later, complaining only that she was starting to breathe like "an old heavey horse", Granny quietly passed away from congestive heart failure.

So thanks to my Granny, I have never put too much stock in visiting doctors and working real hard to live forever. As another friend of mine once explained to me many years ago in more or less these words, "I think we all need to spend more time thinking about the upside of death. Think about it -- no more shaving, showering and going to the bathroom every morning; no more trudging off to a job you hate; no more having to watch all the horrible things that are going on all over the world every night on the evening news; and best of all, no more not getting enough sleep."

'ACROSS THE BRIDGE':

Events around the region

Genealogical association meets

The Genealogical Association of Sacramento will meet at 1 p.m. on June 21st at the Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive in Sacramento. The program will be "Evaluating Evidence and Analyzing Your Research." Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information call 682-8004.

Croatian extravaganza

The 24th Annual Croatian Festival will be held on June 10-11 at the Croatian American Cultural Center, 3730 Auburn Boulevard in Sacramento. Traditional old-world cuisine, wine and beer will be featured, along with Croatian folk dancing, handmade costumes, exhibits, activities for children, and much more. Call 442-9889.

Dr. Dolittle

Tony award-winner Tommy Tune will stage and star in "Dr. Dolittle" at the Sacramento Community Center Theater in performances beginning June 14 and running through June 25. The famous musical is about a beloved veterinarian who talks to the animals. For ticket prices and performance times call 264-5181 or visit sacBroadwaySeries.com.

SCC choir to sing

The Sacramento City College Evening Choir, under the direction of Doreen Irwin, will present its "Touring Australia" concert on June 8th at St. Francis Church on the corner of 26th and K Street in Sacramento. The concert will feature the All-American repertoire that will be presented by the choir in its 2006 summer tour of Australia. Admission is $5. For more information call 558-2496.

Camp Sacramento

The City of Sacramento Department of Parks and Recreation's Camp Sacramento is the perfect affordable family vacation. Supervised recreation programs with friendly and entertaining staff and a beautiful setting are currently available for mid-June to mid-August. Camp Sacramento is located in the El Dorado National Forrest where you will be able to explore nearby forests and streams or simply just relax. To register or for more information on fees, call 808-6098 or email campsacramento@cityofsacramento.org.

Cemetery tours

The Old City Cemetery in Sacramento at 10th and Broadway will give free tours on June 15 and June 17. Learn about Sacramento and California history and the beautiful flora of the cemetery. The tours begin at 10 a.m. and are free. For more information call 448-0811.

Folsom Dam history exhibit

The Folsom History Museum, located at 823 Sutter Street in Folsom, will open a newly designed exhibit entitled "Floods and Flows: The Story of Folsom Dam" will run through July 9th. Built 50 years ago for flood control, Folsom dam also provides water for agriculture, homes and fisheries, hydropower generation, recreation and habitat protection. The exhibit will feature a time line illustrating historic floods and droughts leading to the construction of the dam. For information about admission prices and exhibit hours, call 985-2707.

Free job training

The Sacramento County Office of Educational Regional Occupational Program (ROP) is offering tuition-free career preparation training to both adults and high school students in fields such as automotive mechanics and collision repair, computer and business technology, hospital and community health, building repairs and dental assistance. Classes are held throughout the Sacramento region. For registration information call 228-2721, or go online to www.sacrop.org.

Down syndrome information

The Down Syndrome Information Alliance Education Series features programs on the first Tuesday of each month with the hope of improving the knowledge of individuals and families affected by Down syndrome. Experts in education, advocacy, health care, etc., make presentations and a free light dinner and childcare is provided. The Down Syndrome Information Alliance meets at the Sutter Cancer Center, 2800 L Street in Sacramento. Call 658-1686 or visit www.downsyndromeinfo.org.

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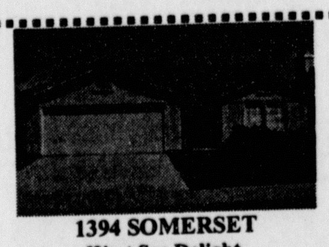

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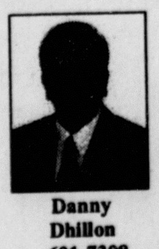

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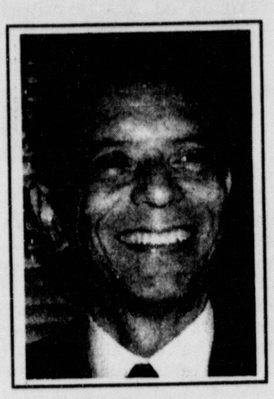

By Richard Novoa

This week's top sports news is the opening of the 2006 FIFA World Cup which kicks off on Friday, June 9th live on ESPN2 (9 a.m.-PDT). The host German team, in Group A, will play the first game against Costa Rica from Munich, Germany and then we will be treated to 30 glorious days of soccer until the world crowns the new futbol champions of the world on July 9th in Berlin.

All 64 matches of FIFA World Cup 2006 will be televised in the US LIVE or via short tape-delay in the US in English, Spanish, German, Korean, Brazilian Portuguese, and Farsi. ABC will air 12 games, ESPN will air 21 games, and ESPN2 will air 31 games, in both standard definition and high definition.

Univision Communications will broadcast 56 games live on Univision and 8 games live on TeleFutura, all in Spanish, with no commercial interruptions during play, in standard definition only.

Korner Kicks

The United States team, which is coached by Bruce Arena, is seeded in group E with Italy, Czech Republic and Ghana. This group is considered one of the toughest brackets to kick your way up the tournament ladder. Even if the U.S. boys manage to beat Italy or the Czech Republic the second place finisher would surely have to tackle the Brazilians, who are a lock to win their group F bracket.

The U.S.A must finish first in their group if they want to improve their quarter-final appearance from the 2002 World Cup in Japan. The United States are led by a group of young veterans, including Landon Donovan, DaMarcus Beasley, Claudio Reyna, Brian McBride, Eddie Pope and their outstanding goal keeper Kasey Keller.

The U.S.A.'s first game is on Monday, June 12th (9:00 a.m.-PDT) against the Czech's, who are ranked third in the world but the big game will be against the Italians on June 17th (noon). If the U.S. expects to play in the second round they must win at least one their first two games and close out the first round with a win against Ghana on June 22nd (7:00 a.m.). The key to success for the red, white and blue is to win their group because the second place finisher gets the privilege to play Brazil!

The Mexican team has a much easier bracket and should win against Iran on June 11th (9 a.m.) and on June 16th (noon) against Angola. There toughest test will be on June 21st against Portugal (7 a.m.). Mexico should advance to the second round but there world cup journey will end on June 25th when they meet up with the second place team in Group C which could be Argentina or Holland.

The team to beat, of course, is Brazil! The defending champion Brazilians are heavily favored to win in Germany but keep your eyes on these pesky Englishmen who are due to win a World Cup for their loyal and insane followers. Also I like Holland chances of winning the World Cup, that is, if they win their Group C battle with Argentina.

Kings Korner

I had to bring back the Kings Korner this week so we could discuss the Kings new 41-year-old head coach, Eric Musselman. It seemed the Maloof's had the young man in mind from the beginning of the hiring process. The talented ex-Warriors head coach signed a 3-year deal worth more than $7 million with an option for a fourth-year. He's supposed to be good friends with Bonzi Wells, who is an unrestricted free agent that will be at the top of every team owners to-do list. The Kings will need Bonzi if they expect to compete next season with the winner of the Miami Heat and Dallas Mavericks championship series.

Speaking of the NBA championship, the best of seven series tips-off on Thursday in Dallas (6.p.m.-ch.10). Miami really turned up the Heat on the Pistons to embarrass the Motown crew but their match-up with Mark Cuban's Mavericks will be a very entertaining series. I think the combo of Shaq and Flash (Wade) will be too much for the millionaire owner to endure. But you can't count out the league's second best player in Dirk Nowitzki. Miami will win in 7 games and celebrate their first NBA title in 2006!

Diamond Notes

Raley Field is become the rehab center for the Oakland A's with the appearance of Milton Bradley, Rich Harden and sore armed Esteban Loaiza. While the big dogs work out the aches and pains in West Sacramento a few Cats are enjoying their cup of coffee with the A's. Catcher Jeremy Brown is due back soon and other demotions to follow are probably for pitchers Randy Keisler, Matt Roney and Steve Karsay.

On the down side the Cats released pitcher Adam Johnson and demoted Alex Santos to double A. The River Cats will enjoy Wednesday off before they regroup for a four game home stand against Portland starting on June 8th.

The Giants are at home this week hosting the Marlins and the Pirates over the weekend while the A's travel to Cleveland and then to the Big Apple for a weekend series against Steinbrenner's Yankees. Did I forget to

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Big league hopes:

Three RCHS players named to regional baseball squad

From Bruce Gallaudet

River City High School has three players named to the all-senior East Squad for County Clash III, a showcase baseball game to be conducted at Vacaville's Travis Credit Union Park June 12.

With fingers crossed for the upcoming professional baseball draft, fleet centerfielder Larry Ayson joins the 2006 team. Teammates Jordan Coggins (pitcher) and infielder Calvin Langford join Ayson June 12.

"We're very proud of the contributions these kids made during the season ... and to be selected for this game is an honor," says Scott Seffens, River City baseball coach.

Also named to the East squad are Winters outfielder Breden Benson and infielder/pitcher Jacob Thorne; 3B Ken Cook and pitcher JD Snyder of Woodland Christian; Dixon players Louis Dettorre and Jake Carrier; Woodland standouts Robert Abel and Sean McGinnis; Davis High's Ty Windall, Scott Heinig, Martin McPherson, Jed Miille and Dylan Reed; and Pioneer's Ryan Williams, Ryan Juarez, Rudy Elizondo, Kellen Simmons, Sal Hernandez and Jon Matteoli.

Javi Valdivia, whose Woodland High Wolves won the Division II Sac/San Joaquin section title, will be at the helm of the East Squad with Davis High assistant Steve Swimley also coaching.

The East squad has a practice — which is open to the public — June 11 at 1 p.m. at Travis Credit Union Park. Contact any County Clash player for tickets or call (530) 979-7724. All money raised for the third annual all-star game is channeled directly back to the baseball programs at the participating high schools.

Last year, the winning run was thrown out at the plate with two outs in the bottom of the ninth, preserving an 8-8 in which the East overcome a six-run deficit in the eighth inning. The Inaugural County Clash was won by the West, 9-5.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co. is again underwriting County Clash, with sponsorships from University Honda, Carbahal & Co. and the Solano Thunderbirds.

"This game is taking off," smiles Phil Swimley, retired UC Davis baseball coach and County Clash founder. "We're delighted to see the level of participation grow ... and I know the money raised helps keep high school baseball healthy in our two counties."

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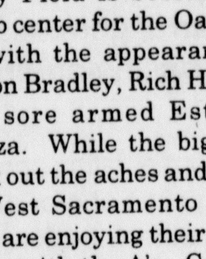

1. Only two pitchers in Houston Astros history have won 20-plus games in a season more than once. Name them.
2. How many times during the 1970s did the N.Y. Yankees have a 20-game winner?
3. Name the last time before the 2005 season that Penn State won the Big Ten title in football.
4. Who was the last NBA regular-season Most Valuable Player before Steve Nash in 2005 to win the award despite not leading his team in scoring?
5. In 2005-06, Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby became the youngest NHL player to have a 100-point season (age 18). Who had held the mark?
6. Who won the Olympic gold medal in the men's 1,500-meter speedskating at the 2006 Winter Olympics?
7. Name the last PGA golfer before Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson to win consecutive majors.

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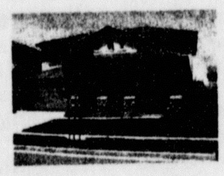

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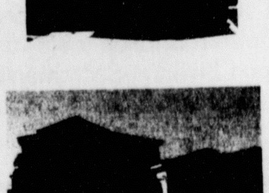

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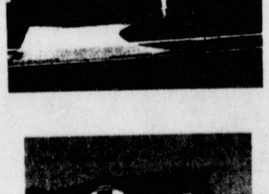

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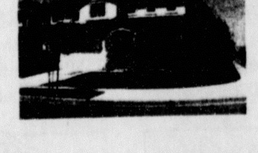

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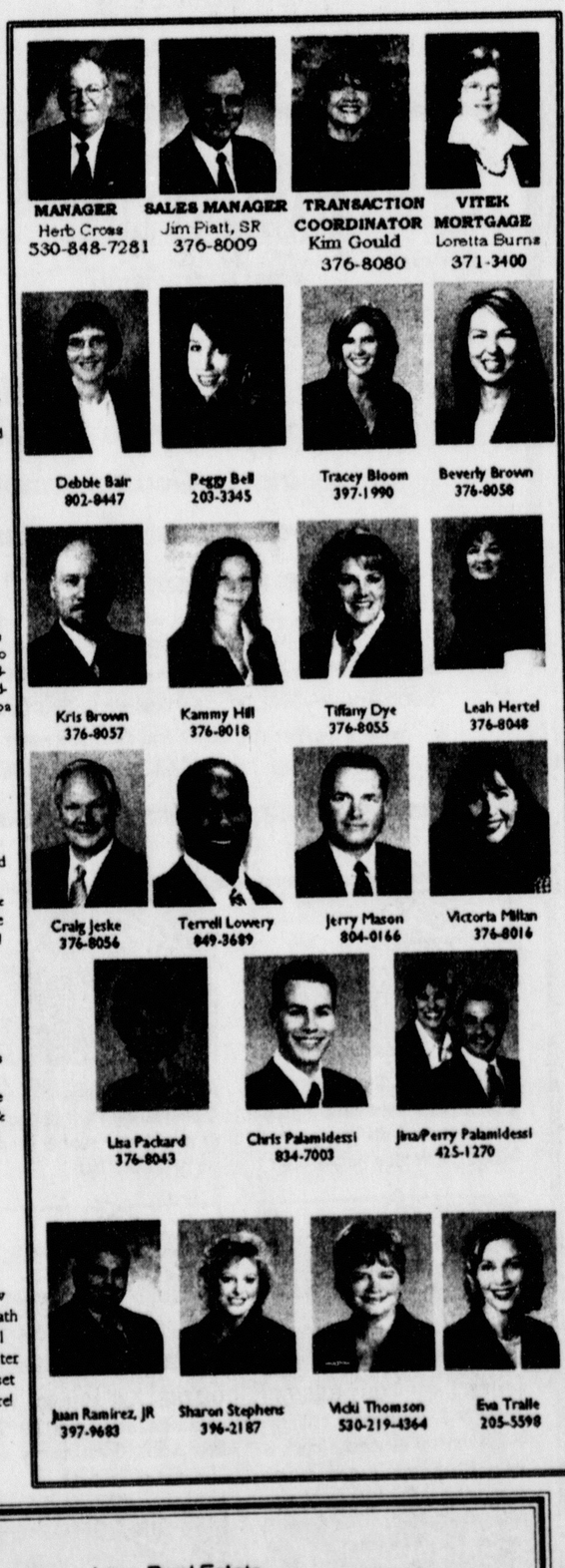

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For Spring 2006 the City of West Sacramento and First Northern Bank will sponsor the Third Annual Best on the Block program, designed to improve the city's appearance, promote a greater sense of community among residents, and acknowledge city businesses and residents who go the extra mile to improve either their business appearance or home. Participants will be recognized and awarded with cash prizes, certificates, goods, and/or appreciation appropriate to the situation. The city stands fully behind the efforts of city businesses and residents striving to improve the image, style, and appearance of our community. Participation is open to any West Sacramento resident or business wishing to promote a positive image.

This year the program will proceed a little differently than the last two years. If you are interested in participating in the Best on the Block, you will need to:

1. Send in a letter or email of intent
2. Include your personal information, address & phone number
3. Provide us with a before picture of your home or business taken between June 1st and 30th

The information can be sent via e-mail to: bestontheblock@cityofwestsacramento.org or sent to Best on the Block,
c/o Parks and Community Services
664 Cummins Way
West Sacramento, CA 95605

Winners will be announced at the Neighbor's Faire and a City Council meeting in October, 2006. For more information contact:
Parks & Recreation, (916) 373-5819 Fax (916) 372-5329,
www.cityofwestsacramento.org, bestontheblock@cityofwestsacramento.org

Bipartisan vote for local port control

Assemblywoman Lois Wolk's office reports that a bill to create a new governance structure for the Port of Sacramento, giving West Sacramento and Yolo County full control, has passed the Assembly with a bipartisan 80-0 vote.

"Industry experts agree that if the Port is to remain competitive, providing quality jobs through the region, the management structure needs to be changed," said Wolk in a press release.

A deal with Sacramento's city and county resulted in those jurisdictions agreeing to give up their majority control of the West Sacramento-based port facility, in return for a share of future land sale proceeds. The plan is intended to give West Sacramento a chance to turn around the fortunes of the struggling agricultural port.

"Currently, the Sacramento-Yolo Port District is the only port district on the West Coast not managed by its host jurisdiction," said Wolk. "It's time for that to change."

The bill, AB 2939, will next go to the state senate.

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mention Mr. Bonds hit home run 716!

Between the Ropes

What a fiasco in Las Vegas last weekend with Jose Luis Castillo eating his way out a million dollar pay day against Sacramento WBC lightweight champion Diego Corrales. Castillo failure to make the 135 pound limit (again) at the official weigh-in forced the Showtime cable network to cancel the multi-million dollar promotion and refund 5,500 tickets and thousand of pay-per-view fees. It also cost Diego his $1.3 million pay day and don't look for Castillo in the bank line cashing in his $900,000 check. As a matter of fact, he will be fined around $250,000 and probably have is Nevada boxing licenses suspended for 1 year. Ouch!

Enjoy your day- see ya next week!

PETS & PEOPLE

Helping Pets Shed Extra Pounds

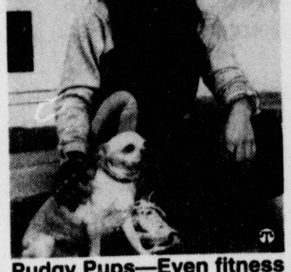
(NAPS)—You may not expect Jillian Michaels, one of the personal trainers on NBC's hit series "The Biggest Loser," to have an obesity problem in her own household. But her chubby Chihuahua, Baxter, is one of a rapidly growing number of America's portly pets that are tipping the scales at an all-time high.

Baxter is currently 11 pounds, while his ideal body weight is eight pounds.

"I've made the same mistake that many other pet owners have made by giving Baxter too many treats," admits Michaels. "Because I love him so much, it can be hard to say no. But in the long run, I know that keeping Baxter at an ideal weight will make him a happier and healthier dog."

To help her dog lose weight, Michaels is part of the Hill's 2006 National PetFit™ Challenge, a competition designed to help raise awareness of the serious consequences of pet obesity and encourage owners to make positive changes to their pets' lifestyles. Her veterinarian helped create a personalized plan for Baxter, which includes changing his food to a low-fat, reduced-calorie food, Hill's Prescription Diet® r/d®, and making sure he gets plenty of exercise.

As many as 40 percent of American household pets are obese or overweight—that's 48 million cats and dogs—yet few pet owners recognize the seriousness of the condition.



Pudgy Pups—Even fitness experts sometimes have trouble controlling their pets' weight.

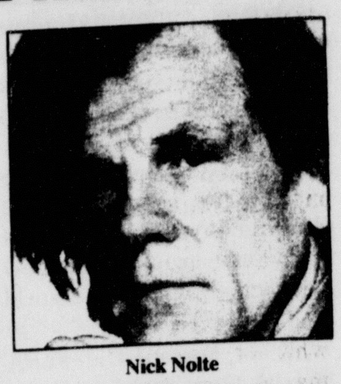
If you think your pet may be lugging around some excess pounds, it is important to speak with your veterinarian.

To give your pet a chance at stardom when he or she reaches a target weight, enter your pet into the Hill's National PetFit™ Challenge. Twelve regional winners (six cats and six dogs) will win fabulous pet prizes and an all- expense-paid trip to New York City for the final awards ceremony. The two national winners (one cat and one dog) will also receive two round-trip airline tickets and a three-night accommodation at an upscale, pet-friendly hotel, and will be awarded the title of champions.

To learn more about the Challenge, download entry forms, get exercise tips for cats and dogs or use the interactive WeightCheck tool to see if your pet could be carrying around some extra pounds, visit www.PetFit.com.

HOLLYWOOD

HOLLYWOOD ... No one, but no one can figure out **Nick Nolte's** next move. And that's been going on for a long time. Back when I was president of the Hollywood Women's Press Club, Nolte was voted New Star of the Year. At a huge affair with everyone dressed to the nines, Mr. Nolte appeared in his pajamas. Today it's the same. His most recent appearance was most conventional — suit and shirt BUT with a big mustache and long, bushy beard. Count on his conversation also to be wacky. However, his is a great acting talent, so usually all eccentricities are forgiven. As to his personal life, that's about it ... personal. No one seems to know too much about that.



Nick Nolte

Who hasn't read "The DaVinci Code"? Everyone I know has, and I've perused the tome three times. Of course you know the film version, starring **Tom Hanks**, is causing no little controversy. The Catholic Church has banned the film, which is making megabucks at the box office. To my knowledge, no other film has ever caused more conversation and controversy. That's all from me. If you care, go see it for yourself.

Aside to Jacqueline K. of Amite, La.: Yes. Your facts are authentic. **Charlize Theron** hails from Benoni, South Africa. And yes, her mother shot and killed her father. It was termed self-defense, and she was acquitted. As to whether Charlize witnessed the tragedy, I do not know the answer. Although I suspect whether she did, or didn't, it must have left its mark in some way.

Lindsay Lohan is stealing the spotlight from **Paris Hilton**. She's seen more around town, cavorting in her car or on foot, creating a bit of chaos wherever she goes. And she's starring in "Just My Luck" on the big screen. At the preem screening and after-party she was very much in evidence, decked out in a white frock exposing just enough of her "endowments." The film, incidentally, was shot in the Big Easy and wound up just before Katrina hit the city.

Aside to Louise K. of Richmond, Va. Yes. **Anne Heche** is still "in the biz," despite the fact that she's now a married mom. Matter of fact, she's set to star in a drama for the tube titled "Men in Trees," about a woman who relocates to Alaska after having marriage trouble. That's about all I can tell you about her for now. As to her present relationship with **Ellen**, I think it's still amicable.

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BITS 'N' PIECES: Gathering Place Films, a newly formed company, is after **Christopher Plummer** to star in a sci-fi feature, "Stones' Quest: In Search of Its Masters." ... **Eva Longoria** was a big hit when she hosted the Alma Awards. By actual count, she changed costumes six times during the show. Her quip, "I'm the first Latina to have a white gardener," whooped the house. And just in case you didn't know, the Almas are given to Latinos for their "accomplishments in entertainment." ... **Kevin Spacey** is still in Blighty trying to restore the Old Vic Theater to its former glory. ... **Nicole** and **Katie** are warring over the child situation. **Jennifer** and **Angelina** are still warring over **Brad**. At the moment, everyone out this way seems to be warring with someone. Then again, if they weren't, there wouldn't be much news, would there? ... **Paris** makes news again — this time for a good cause. She donated a Maltese puppy to the annual Race to Chase MS fundraiser. The pup sold for $10,000 and went to a good home.

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I once had a sparrow alight upon my shoulder for a moment, while I was hoeing in a village garden, and I felt that I was more distinguished by that circumstance than I should have been by any epaulet I could have worn.
—Henry David Thoreau

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Use what talents you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best.
—Henry Van Dyke

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Patriotic concert

The West Sacramento Community Orchestra will offer a free program of "festive and patriotic music" at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 11, at the West Sacramento Civic Center galleria, 1110 West Capitol Avenue. A second concert will follow at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13 at Centennial United Methodist Church at 5401 Freeport Blvd. (in Sacramento near Fruitridge). Call 991-5262.

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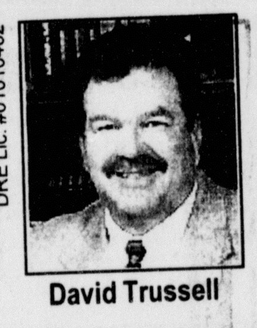
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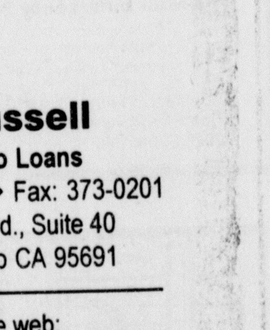
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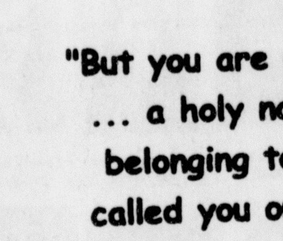
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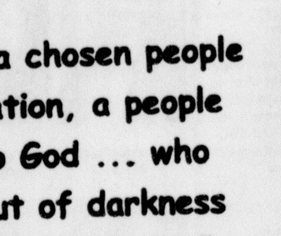
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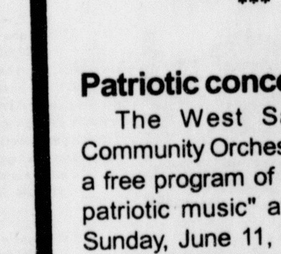
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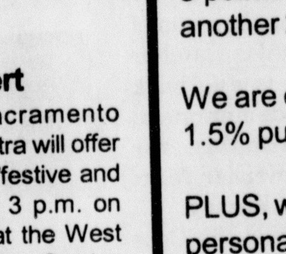
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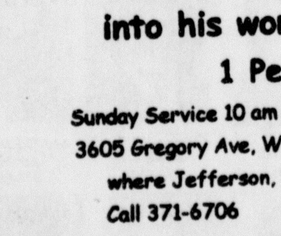
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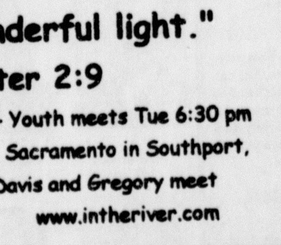
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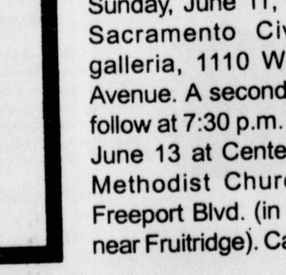
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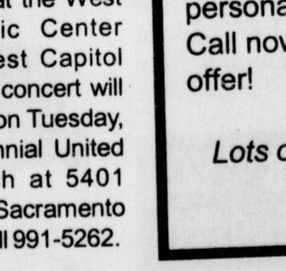
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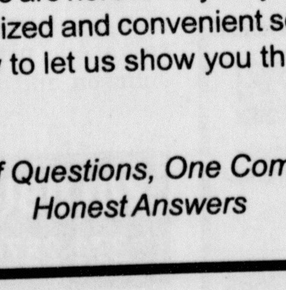
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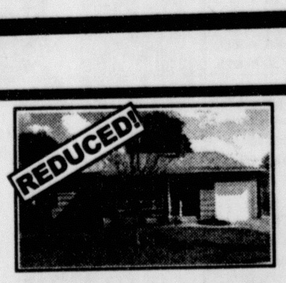
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Police log

May 30, 10:23 p.m.

A 47-year old Southport man was arrested for punching his wife in the mouth, knocking out a tooth.

May 31, 2:08 p.m.

A narcotics complaint was reported from River City High School.

May 31, 3:30 p.m.

An officer stopped a 40-year old West Sacramento man driving near West Capitol and Westacre Road. The man admitted to never having had a driver's license. He consented to a search of the vehicle, admitting there was a marijuana pipe in the glove compartment. The officer also found two syringes, a spoon with some methamphetamine, and a plastic container with a white crystal substance. The man was arrested.

May 31, 4:15 p.m.

A Bridgeway Lakes Drive resident reported a burglary.

June 1, 2:50 a.m.

Near Jefferson Blvd. and West Capitol Ave., an officer contacted a 22-year old man who appeared to be on methamphetamine. The man admitted to buying the drug on West Capitol and admitted using it the prior evening. He was booked.

June 1, 7:16 a.m.

A 48-year old West Capitol Avenue man was arrested for exposing himself to a woman nearby, while making lewd comments to her. He was a registered sex offender with a previous conviction for indecent exposure. The victim identified the suspect and signed a "citizen's arrest."

June 1, 12:40 p.m.

A woman reported having set down her purse at a Riverpoint Circle business and then forgotten about it. When she returned, the purse was gone.

June 1, 12:43 p.m.

A vandalism incident was reported on Bryte Avenue.

June 1, 1:10 p.m.

A Maple Street resident reported a burglary.

June 2, 9:10 a.m.

A Chevrolet Blazer was reported to have been burglarized on Aruba Street. The car's stereo was stolen.

June 2, 5:30 p.m.

A 58-year old man was contacted by an officer at the Broderick Boat Ramp, He appeared intoxicated – with slurred speech and unsteady on his feet. The man, who was argumentative with an officer, was booked into jail.

June 3, 1:19 a.m.

A caller reported a no-injury accident near Southport Parkway and Ramco Street. The caller believed one driver appeared to be intoxicated and was at risk to leave the scene.

June 3, 2:08 a.m.

A Lisbon Avenue man reported possibly-stolen items such as a stove, stereo, CDs and more had been left in his driveway, possibly by a brother-in-law who has dropped off "junk" before.

June 3, 2:54 a.m.

A Douglas Street woman reported that a car alarm was stolen in a vehicle burglary.

June 3, 4:30 a.m.

An officer stopped a 32-year old woman for a vehicle code violation. She was unlicensed to drive and on searchable probation. Found on her were 8.5 grams of methamphetamine. She was arrested.

June 3, 9:50 a.m.

On Rockrose Road, a caller reported finding a briefcase full of real estate paperwork on his or her property.

June 3, 3:03 p.m.

Near Enterprise Blvd. and Lake Road, a caller reported seeing a man with a .45 caliber gun firing it near the levee. An officer contacted the suspect as he was walking towards the levee with a handgun. The man was cooperative, and turned out to be a schizophrenic "off his meds." The gun was a BB gun. The man was placed on a psychiatric hold at a local hospital.

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MEDICINE: What is dysplasia?
2. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Delaware?
3. SCIENCE: What is the unit of measurement commonly used to determine magnetic flux?
4. MYTHOLOGY: In the legend of King Arthur, what was the name of Merlin's mistress, who also was called The Lady of the Lake?
5. NATURE: What are the color of the berries on mistletoe, often used as a Christmas decoration?
6. HISTORY: Who was Robespierre?
7. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Okefenokee Swamp?
8. MUSIC: What is opera buffa?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the language of the Gypsies?
10. SLANG: What is a shakedown?

Answers

1. Malformation of the bone or other body tissue
2. Dover
3. Maxwells
4. Vivien
5. White
6. Leader in the French Revolution
7. South Georgia/North Florida
8. Italian comic opera
9. Romani
10. Extortion

ACCOSTED *from p. 1*

males – standing near her car, one to the front and one to the rear.

"The victim was able to break the hold on her arm and drive away," said Farmer. She also saw the man who had been standing near the front of her car fall to the ground, and believed she may have run over his foot. The woman went to a friend's house and called police.

The black suspect in that incident was described as about six feet tall, with a thin build, short "afro"-style haircut, a full beard, dark shirt and dark jeans.

One of the white suspects was described as about 5' 10" tall, with a medium build, wearing a yellow T-shirt and light-colored jeans. The other white suspect was not well described.

Anyone with possible information on the two incidents is asked to call Detective Maggiano or Detective Parkman, 617-4935 or 617-4945.

Police say there have been recent instances in the Sacramento area in which people have been pulled over by "fake" unmarked police cars. If you do not feel safe being stopped by an unmarked car, said Farmer, you should drive within the speed limit to an area where other people are around before stopping. Before opening your doors or window, ask the officer to show both a badge and a photo ID card, and examine these carefully to make sure they are from the local city or area. The ID card should also have a badge number that matches the number actually on the badge.

If you have a cell phone, you can also ask the officer for his or her dispatch number to confirm that it is indeed a legitimate stop.

If you are contacted by someone who cannot produce legitimate information, do not exit your vehicle until the proper ID is produced or a legitimate unit responds.

Now here's a tip!

by Jo Ann Derson

• "An easy way to clean your blender is to do a quick rinse after you blend (to get out any large particles), and then add a half-cup each of baking soda and water. Give it a spin on a fast cycle for about 30 seconds, rinse and set upside down to dry. This works best if you clean it right after you've used it." — K.W. in Nevada

• "Nail polish can be used to differentiate similar-looking keys on your key ring. Use a separate color for each key (e.g., red for the front door, gold for the back door, blue for the shed), and the right key will be easy to find." — F.G. in Minnesota

• If you have to stack your pans in the cupboard, line them with paper plates to discourage scratching.

• "When packing a cooler for the beach, we freeze individual bottled waters. As the day progresses, the water melts and is drinkable. It's really refreshing to drink ice-cold water, and it keeps other snacks cold." — J.McK., via e-mail from Florida

• Another cooler tip: "When we go to the park, we always bring a couple of wet washcloths and put them in a plastic bag in the cooler. It's a great cool-down for the kids, and we wipe hands and faces with the washcloths before we get back in the car." — A.C. in California

• Studies show that the higher the temperature, the lighter the fare. Dieters take note: Turn off the air conditioning about 20 minutes before dinner. You'll consume less food and will be more likely to eat lighter foods.

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475 or e-mail JoAnn at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com.

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TOP DVD RENTALS AND SALES

Top 10 Video Rentals

1. **Munich** .....(R)
Eric Bana (Universal)
2. **The Family Stone** .....(PG-13)
Claire Danes (Fox)
3. **Last Holiday** .....(PG-13)
Queen Latifah (Paramount)
4. **Big Momma's House 2** (PG-13)
Martin Lawrence (Fox)
5. **Rumor Has It** .....(PG-13)
Jennifer Aniston (Warner)
6. **The New World** .....(PG-13)
Colin Farrell (New Line)
7. **Aeon Flux** .....(PG-13)
Charlize Theron (Paramount)
8. **Tristan and Isolde** .....(PG-13)
James Franco (Fox)
9. **Hostel**..... (NR)
Jay Hernandez (Sony Pictures)
10. **Match Point** .....(R)
Jonathan Rhys Meyers
(DreamWorks)

Top 10 DVD Sales

1. **Hoodwinked—Widescreen** (PG)
(The Weinstein Company)
2. **Hoodwinked—Pan & Scan** (PG)
(The Weinstein Company)
3. **The Family Stone—Widescreen** .....(PG-13)
(Fox Video)
4. **Last Holiday—Pan & Scan** .....(PG-13)
(Paramount)
5. **The Family Stone** .....(PG-13)
(Fox Video)
6. **Last Holiday—Widescreen** .....(PG-13)
(Paramount)
7. **Final Fantasy VII: Advent Children** .....(PG-13)
(Sony Pictures)
8. **Aeon Flux—Widescreen** (PG-13)
(Paramount)
9. **The Chronicles of Narnia—Full Screen** .....(PG)
(Walt Disney)
10. **Hostel** .....(NR)
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by Cindy Brook

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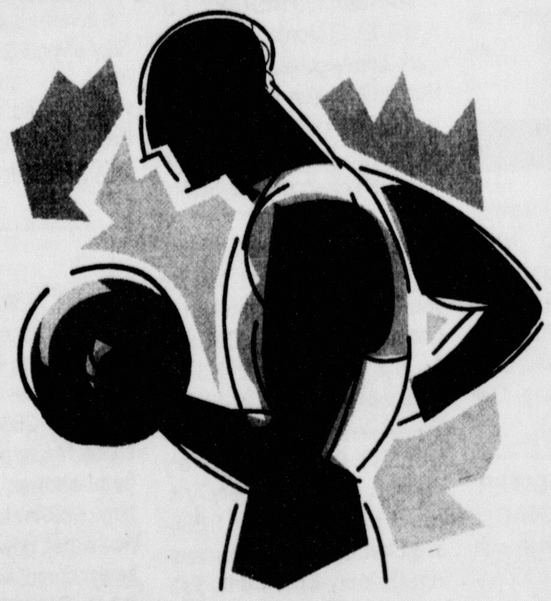

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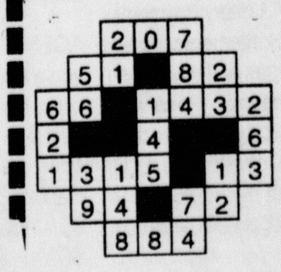

Differences: 1. Window is wider. 2. Ball is different. 3. Hedge is smaller. 4. Cap is reversed. 5. Shoes are different. 6. Fence is broken.

Answers

1. Joe Niekro (1979-80) and Roy Oswalt (2004-05).
2. Five — Fritz Peterson (1970), Catfish Hunter (1975), Ron Guidry (1978), Ed Figueroa (1978) and Tommy John (1979).
3. It was 1994.
4. MVP Dave Cowens averaged 20.5 points per game in 1973, while Celtics teammate John Havlicek averaged 23.8 ppg.
5. Winnipeg's Dale Hawerchuk was four months older than Crosby's age when he accomplished the feat in 1982.
6. Enrico Fabris of Italy.
7. Nick Price in 1994.

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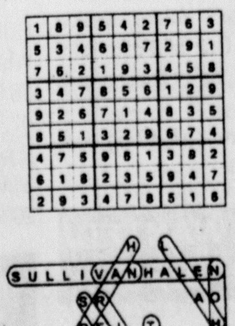

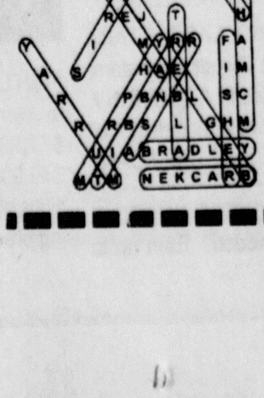

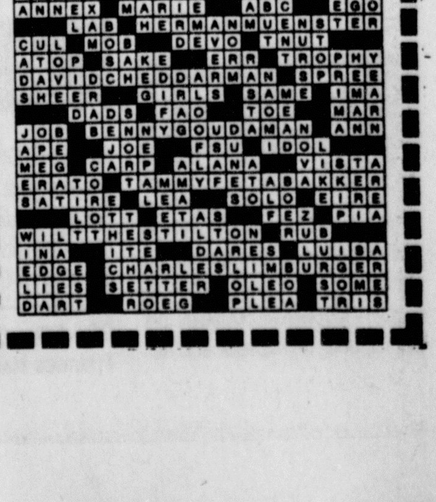

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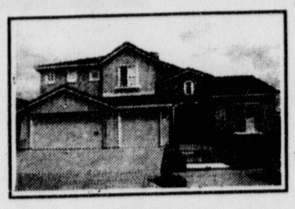

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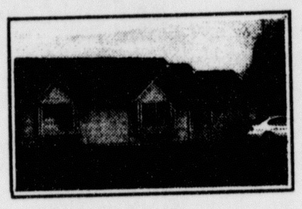

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OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial

Bits & pieces

The mailbag (often stuffed to the gills) is sparse this week. So it's a good time to catch up a little bit, editorially, on some items from the recent past:

West Sacramento still needs a new high school, and there remains a budget gap (a moving target somewhere around $30 million). The school's blueprint has been scaled back – with reductions in size to a planned theater, for example – and will likely be scaled back a little more.

There are some reasons to hope this enormous budget gap can be bridged, however. One asset that can be thrown into the mix is the district's possession of a little too much land at the Jefferson Boulevard/ Linden Road school site. Somehow, the district needs to turn this land into a cash source.

That plan will need cooperation from city officials – and it is clear from school board meetings and from city council meetings that the two bodies are not always on the same page regarding the new high school site and its adjacent planned city uses. Relations between the city and school district are better than they were a few years ago, but suspicions remain. And communication could be improved.

The pressure from developers wanting to build in the city can also be leveraged into financial help for the new campus, if the school district and city leaders work together to make it so. There's no reason that financial contributions and sponsorships for the campus can't be worked into new development deals in West Sacramento.

The new campus is critical to both the district and the City of West Sacramento. While both parties are talking about how to work together for the new campus, it seems that this talk might need to be moved to a higher level and a more urgent pitch.

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A couple of readers took the News-Ledger to task for coverage of the presidential visit to West Sacramento on Earth Day, believing they were looking at left-wing bias implicit in the photos and the description of thousands of anti-Bush protesters.

After all, they pointed out, there were also some people sporting "Welcome, President Bush" signs for the event. Those people, at least one reader felt, deserved equal attention.

First, it should be pointed out that the News-Ledger had a photographer at the key visit site, and he reports seeing thousands of anti-Bush demonstrators but no pro-Bush demonstrators. An outside reporter provided the News-Ledger with "pool" reporting of much of the rest of the local visit, and reported seeing (at best) about 20 "welcome" signs along the president's route, compared to thousands of protesters massed among anti-Bush signs. By any reasonable account, the anti-Bush folks vastly outnumbered the pro-Bush ones.

It therefore would have been a disservice to treat the two sides as anywhere near equal in attendance or impact. "Fair" journalism doesn't always mean that a story should be reported in a 50-50 manner. Sometimes a story is fairly one-sided, and should be so. In the case of the president's visit, all but the most starry-eyed presidential supporters would have to agree that the anti-Bush folks generated far more activity than the president's supporters. Like it or not, that was the story.

There was nothing spectacular about the News-Ledger's coverage. But it still seems fair enough.

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One more little thing:

The News-Ledger heard a couple of complaints about the tossing of candy to spectators from the West Sacramento Little League's opening day parade this spring. Some residents said this good deed left a bit of a mess on private property, and encouraged some kids to run into the street to retrieve their sweets.

Maybe that practice ought to be reconsidered next year.

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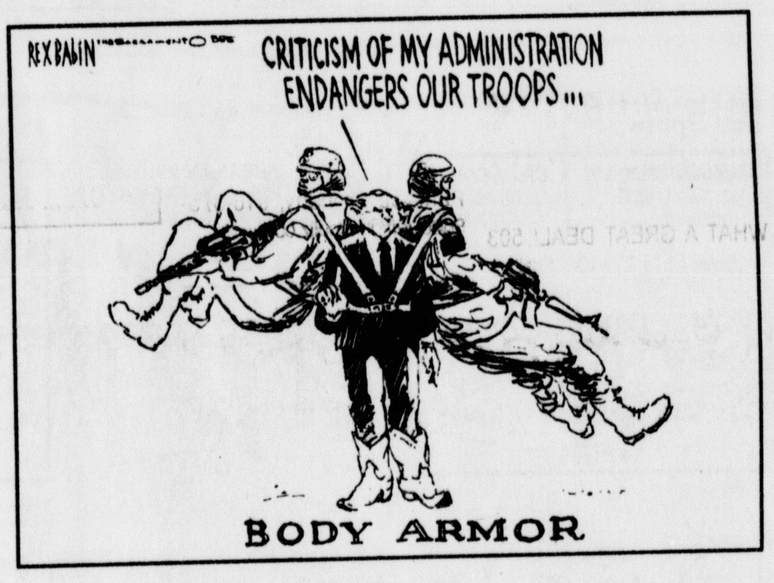

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The following person is doing business as Erik's Handyman Service, 729 Sunset Ave., West Sacramento CA 95605:

Erik Jorrick, same address.

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/s/Erik Jorrick

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Filed May 4, 2006
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The following person is doing business as 5 Star Commercial Sweeping LLC, 1716 Deerwood St., W. Sacto. CA 95691:

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/s/Randall A. Carasco, President
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/s/Sandra Tomei.

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The following person is doing business as Fresh Oil Kingdom Ministries, 1470 Barona St., W. Sac. CA 95691:

Rachel Wiley, same address.

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/s/Rachel A. Wiley

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
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The following person is doing business as AISU POP, Davis Farmers Market, 3rd & C St., Davis CA 95616:

H.T. Jaymes Luu, 3331 Morro Bay, Davis CA 95617.

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/s/H.T. Jaymes Luu.

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File No. 2006-534

The following person is doing business as ABC Mobile Detail, 143 Touchstone Pl., W. Sac. CA 95691:

Milton Lobato, same address.

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/s/Milton Lobato

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO
In the Matter of ZOEY PARKS, Minor
NO. JV-06-00006
CITATION

TO: All Persons Claiming to be the Father.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a hearing in Yolo County Juvenile Court, located at 812 Court Street, Woodland, California, 95695, on August 30, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. in Department 11. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor child born to Jamie Parks on January 2, 2006. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

Dated: 5/26/06
/s/JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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The family—that dear octopus from whose tentacles we never quite escape, nor, in our inmost hearts, ever quite wish to.

—Dodie Smith

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed May 11, 2006
File No. 2006-499

The following person is doing business as Teichert Readymix, 27710 County Road 90, Winters CA 95694:

A. Teichert & Son, Inc., a Calif. Corp., 3500 American River Drive, Sacramento CA 95864.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/26/1989.

/s/Robert H. Hamel, Asst. Secty.
A. Teichert & Son, Inc.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed May 3, 2006
File No. 2006-478

The following person is doing business as P & R America, Inc., 2939 Spafford St #110, Davis CA 95617:

Seung Hoan Roh, 3500 Data Dr #225, Rancho Cordova CA 95670.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

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/s/Seung Hoan Roh, CEO
P&R America, Inc.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed May 19, 2006
File No. 2006-527

The following person is doing business as Nice Kool Ice Cream, 3118 Twitchell Island Rd., West Sacramento CA 95691:

Leonard Singh, same address.

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/s/Leonard Singh

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 19, 2006
File No. 2006-435

The following person is doing business as Owner Builder Resource Center, 2001 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento CA 95691:

Carl Smith & Jamie Smith, 3280 Santa Cruz Rd., West Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

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/s/Carl Smith
/s/Jamie Smith

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We rarely think people have good sense unless they agree with us.

—Francois de La Rochefoucauld

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All men dream: but not equally. Those who dream by night in the dusty recesses of their minds wake in the day to find that it was vanity: but the dreamers of the day are dangerous men, for they may act their dream with open eyes, to make it possible.

—T. E. Lawrence

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PUZZLES & COMICS

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

NO, NO, DON'T TURN IT YET, MAY!
AND DON'T PRESS DOWN ON IT!
UM, THAT'S USUALLY MY JOB, HONEY--MAYBE YOU SHOULD JUST LET ME DO IT!
NO, SIM, IT'S FATHER'S DAY YOU JUST SIT AND RELAX!
AND MAYBE WORK ON THOSE CONTROL ISSUES.
SIZZLE! SIZZLE!
MARLAND
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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

IN ORDER TO MAKE ANY PROGRESS, JOE, YOU'LL NEED TO FOCUS, RELAX AND LET GO OF THINGS...
LET'S BEGIN BY LETTING GO OF MR. BALDUCCI.
OKAY...
GURGLE...
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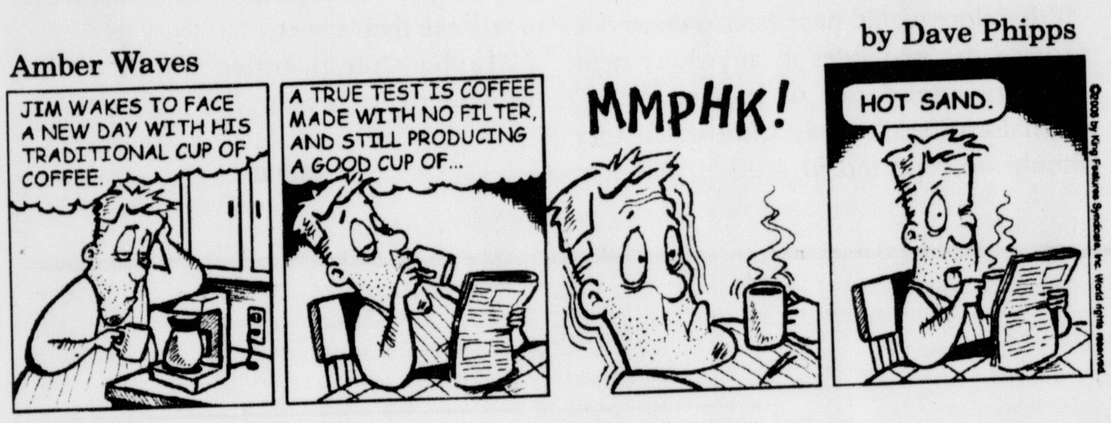
Amber Waves

by Dave Phipps


JIM WAKES TO FACE A NEW DAY WITH HIS TRADITIONAL CUP OF COFFEE.
A TRUE TEST IS COFFEE MADE WITH NO FILTER, AND STILL PRODUCING A GOOD CUP OF...
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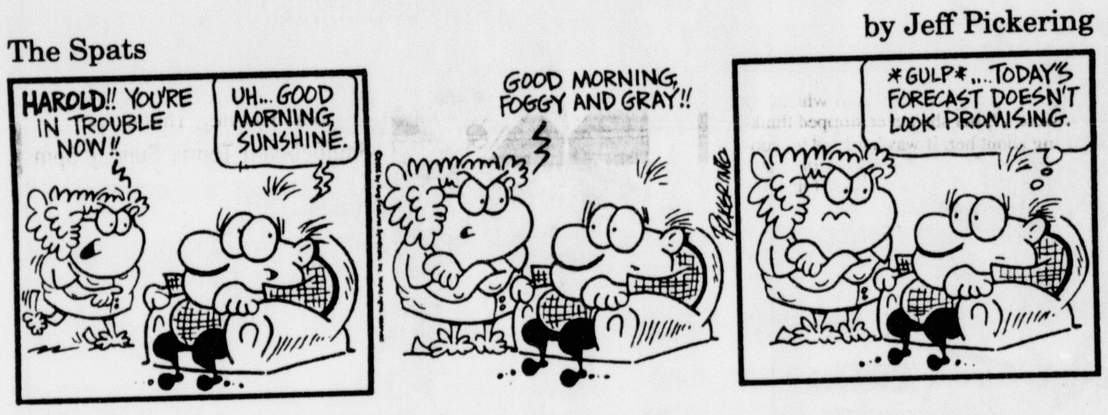
The Spats

by Jeff Pickering


HAROLD!! YOU'RE IN TROUBLE NOW!!
UH... GOOD MORNING, SUNSHINE.
GOOD MORNING, FOGGY AND GRAY!!
GULP... TODAY'S FORECAST DOESN'T LOOK PROMISING.

POPEYE
Hey Eismann
IS YER SISTER STILL SORE AT ME, CASTOR?
YES, SHE IS!
I'VE NEVER SEEN HER THIS ANGRY!
WOT KIN I DO TA MAKE HER MY SWEETIE AGAIN?
A NICE GIFT, PERHAPS
WOT KINDA GIFT?
YOU KNOW, POPEYE, IN JUNE EVERY SINGLE GIRL WOULD LOVE TO SEE A DIAMOND!
WELL, BLOW ME DOWN!
THA'S EASY ENUFF
WELL? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I BRUNG YA SUMTHIN' WOT EVERY GAL WANTS TA SEE IN JUNE!
TICKETS TO A BASEBALL GAME?!
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FLASH GORDON
DALE ARDEN
DR. HANS ZARKOV
FLASH GORDON
BY JIM KEEFE
AS THE SPACE PORTAL CONNECTING MONGO TO EARTH IS INITIATED, MING READIES HIS INSTRUMENTS OF DESTRUCTION.
FIRE ON MY COMMAND.
MY LIEGE, SOMETHING'S INTERFERING WITH THE SIGNAL!
THOOM!
KA-ZASK!
BRA-KOW!
GORDON... X-9..?
BUT HOW..?!
YOU FORGOT ABOUT THE SPACE PORTAL IN ALANIA, MING...
AND THAT ALL WE NEEDED WAS A SIGNAL FROM YOUR DEVICE TO CONNECT TO IT WITH OUR OWN!
TO BE CONT'D~

Super Crossword

BIG CHEESES

ACROSS
1 Scrabble piece
5 Colt color
9 Chore
13 Marine leader?
17 "Tosca" tune
18 Woody's boy
19 Synagogue singer
21 Columbo or Tamblyn
22 Cheesy football player?
25 Decree
26 Incorporate, as territory
27 Madame Tussaud
28 English trio?
29 Self-esteem
30 Scientific site
32 Cheesy TV character?
37 — -de-sac
40 Throng
42 Robotic rock group
43 Bit of hardware
44 Perched on
46 Beppu brew
49 Miscalculate
51 Award
55 Cheesy late-night host?
60 Binge
61 Gossamer
62 They just want to have fun
63 Close as can be
65 "— Believer" ('66 hit)
66 TV's "My Two —"
69 Toyshop initials
70 Stocking stuffer?
71 Deface
72 Old Testament book
75 Cheesy clarinetist?
80 Sheridan or Sothern
81 Copy
82 Singer Tex
83 Tallahassee sch.
84 Baal or Elvis
86 Actress Tilly
87 Find fault
88 George Hamilton's ex
90 Chula —, CA
94 A Muse
96 Cheesy televangelist?
100 Swift stuff
102 Where flocks frolic
103 Go it alone
104 Green land
105 Mississippi senator
107 Hellenic letters
110 Red cap
112 Actress Zadora
113 Cheesy basketball player?
119 Massage
121 Tempest — teapot
122 Mineral suffix
123 Throws down the gauntlet
125 Soprano Tetrazzini
129 Brink
131 Cheesy aviator?
135 Is inexact
136 Sporting dog
137 Toast topper
138 "— Came Running" ('58 film)
139 Pub missile
140 Director Nicolas
141 Request
142 Baseball's Speaker

DOWN
1 Reid of "Just Visiting"
2 Nutritional need
3 Pride papa
4 Blackboard support
5 —4 (Toyota model)
6 38 Down city
7 Islamic deity
8 — Dame
9 Kind of cross
10 "— Day Now" ('62 hit)
11 Word with bath or shovel
12 Agile Olga
13 Pound sound
14 Peace's partner
15 Custom
16 Mary of "The Maltese Falcon"
19 — de menthe
20 Just out
23 Final
24 Encircle
31 Comice kin
33 Maintains
34 Comic Crosby
35 — shark
36 Defeat by a knockout
37 No gentlemen
38 A Four Corners state
39 A many-splendored thing
41 "Pshaw!"
45 The — Piper
47 Beer barrel
48 Uplift
50 Jamaican cultist
52 — ballerina
53 Macho type
54 Long for
56 Olive —
57 Lug
58 With detachment
59 Campbell or Judd
64 Knight's quaff
67 — vu
68 Stallion sound
72 Maestro Levine
73 Wagner work
74 Biblical repetition
76 Katmandu's country
77 Lofty initials?
78 Sahara sights
79 — Scotia
85 Relish
87 French painter
88 Cremona craftsman
89 From — Z
91 Omit
92 Hatcher of "Lois & Clark"
93 Geometry calculation
95 Joust
97 Encounter
98 Landon or Kjellin
99 Johannesburg resident
101 Standards
106 Restrict Rover
108 Furniture wood
109 Railroad deps.
111 '64 Michael Caine film
113 Brandish
114 Where to eat biryani
115 Light beer
116 Cold-war assn.
117 Certain deck
118 Sam of "Jurassic Park"
120 Pop
124 Hook's right hand?
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127 Word form for "somewhat"
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130 Cornerstone abbr.
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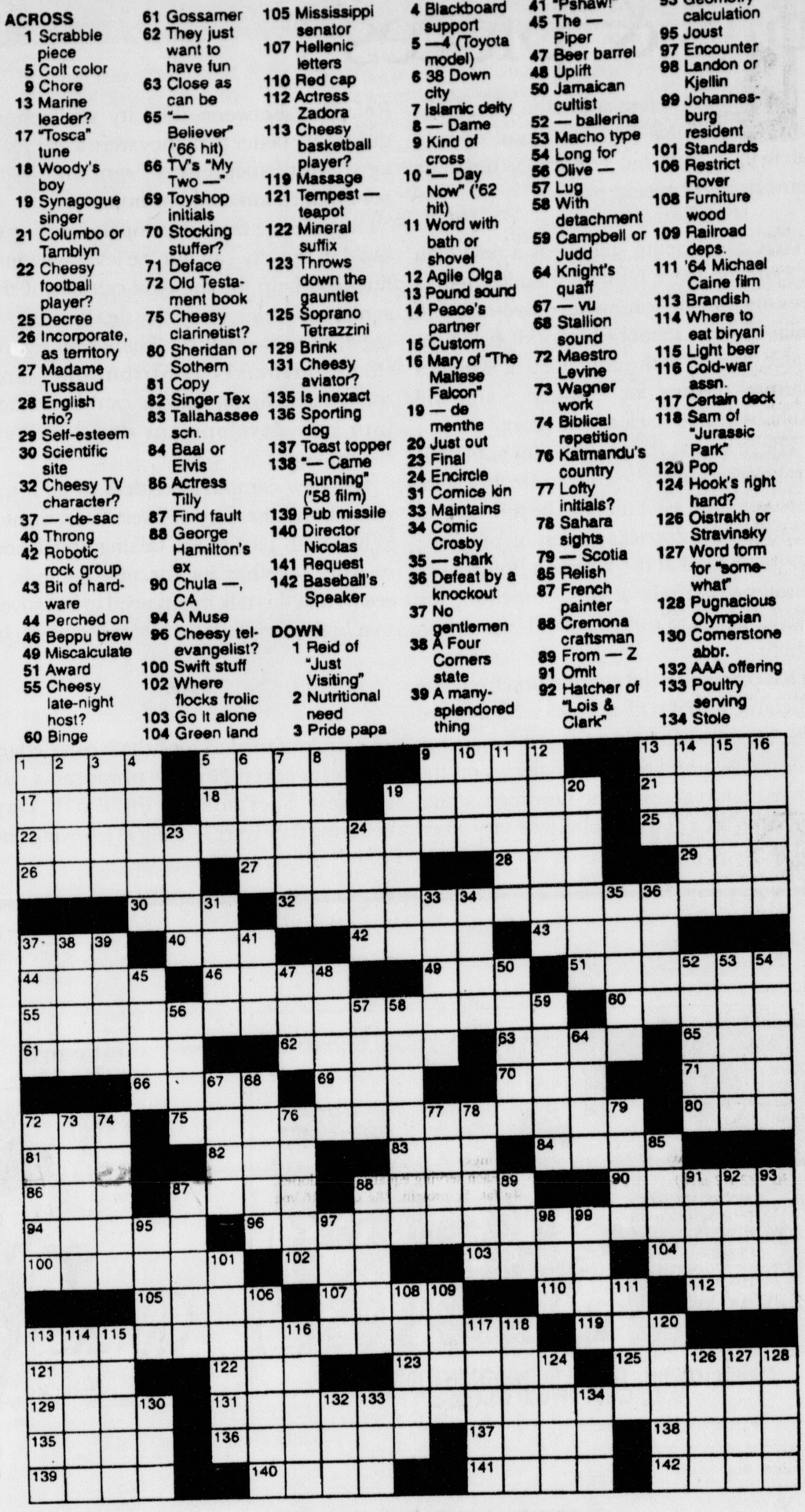
133 Poultry serving
134 Stole



Answers to Puzzles Page 4

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ *HOO BOY!*

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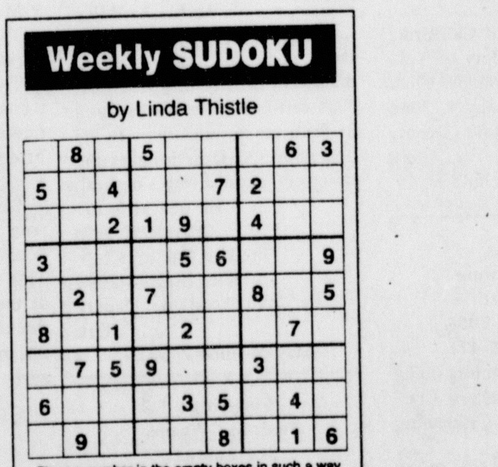
U S A R S P E O H A E M L I M
J I G R E N D P B N B L B S C
A Y X W R U R B S T L S G H M
Q P O Y N U I A B R A D L E Y
L K B J M T M H N E K C A R B

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Albert, Ames, Asner, Begley Jr., Bracken, Bradley, Fisher, Hall, Harris, McMahon, Murphy, Murray, Rabbit, Sullivan, Van Halen

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

CRITIC'S CORNER

By D.NA Smith

"The Da Vinci Code"

Running time: 149 minutes
MPAA rating: PG-13

Most summer blockbusters don't require you to use your brain. All you need do is sit back, munch popcorn and enjoy the pretty people and special effects. There is one genre, however, where the viewer is expected to think: the murder mystery.

You follow the protagonist on the trail, picking up clues along the way. Because the murder mystery requires this level of mental participation, it is the director's job to make sure the plot is airtight.

Director Ron Howard must've forgotten all this because "The Da Vinci Code" is an insult to every audience-member's intelligence. Knowing the popularity of Dan Brown's novel, I was expecting a taut, thought-provoking historical thriller. Instead, I got a profoundly stupid, lumbering film filled with characters lacking any depth or common sense. Let me give you two examples from the beginning of the film:

The curator of the Louvre is shot by the most inept assassin in Christendom. The old man — even though he is gut-shot and bleeding to death — has enough time to gallivant around the museum leaving anagrammatic riddles composed in his head and written in invisible ink (does he carry this pen with him all the time?), then strip off his clothes and carve a 2-foot-long pentagram into his chest and abdomen so he can die in a pose resembling a famous Da Vinci drawing. He does all of this because calling his police officer granddaughter (who is also a code-breaker) would have been too much of

Tom Hanks, Audrey Tautou

a strain.

No wait. It gets dumber.

Tom Hanks and the code-breaking granddaughter (Audrey Tautou) show up and spend an inordinate amount of time trying to unscramble the dead man's ciphers — because following the trail of blood leading to the clues of his killer would've been *très déclassé* for such a baroque murder.

And that's just the first few scenes of the movie. It doesn't get any better.

Honestly, just avoid this movie. If you read the book and enjoyed it, don't murder that feeling by subjecting yourself to this insulting mess.

GRADE: D

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CELEBRITY extra

by Evelyn Green

Q. I am listening to an audiotape, "Bitterroot" by James Lee Burke, and the voice of the person reading it sounds so familiar. I got the tapes from a friend, but not the case. Could you tell me who is reading the book and what I might have seen him in? —*Amy, via e-mail*

A. Many well-known actors have turned to the world of audiobook narration, including Ethan Hawke, Steve Buscemi, James Marsters (of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer"), Michael York and Anthony Heald, just to name a few. "Bitterroot" is read by Will Patton, one of those actors you see in everything, but might not know by name. Among the movies Patton has appeared in are "Silkwood," "The Client," "Armageddon," "Entrapment" and "Remember the Titans."

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Q. A few months back, I heard that Sheryl Crow had breast cancer. How is she doing now? Did she beat it? I really hope so; she is one of my favorite singers. —*Cassidy, West Palm Beach, Fla.*

A. Crow, 44, underwent surgery and radiation treatment for breast cancer back in February, with doctors giving her an excellent prognosis for a full recovery. In May she had her first live performance since her cancer announcement, and said, "I'm just happy to be here."

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Q. This television season is barely over, and already I am in withdrawal. I am so scared that some of my new favorites won't be coming back next year. —*Anne Marie, via e-mail*

A. If some of your favorites are "Commander in Chief," "Jake in Progress," "Hope & Faith," "Joey" and "Conviction" (canceled as of press time), then you might be in for a disappointing fall. However, we have new shows starring Alec Baldwin, Matthew Perry, Tina Fey, Calista

Sheryl Crow

Flockhart, Ted Danson and Taye Diggs to look forward to. Also, in a surprise move, the CW network has decided to resurrect "7th Heaven" for an 11th season on the new network. I hope that lessens some of the sting for you.

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Q. I am so excited about the new "Superman" movie. Please tell me a bit about the movie and the new "Man of Steel." —*Jeremy, Tacoma, Wash.*

A. "Superman Returns," starring Brandon Routh, will be in theaters June 30, right in the middle of the big-budget summer movie season. Speaking of big budgets, because of all the special effects, "Superman" is well on its way to becoming the most expensive movie ever made, tipping the production scales at more than $300 million. Routh is a relatively unknown actor — exactly who producers were looking for when they were casting the film — who has been on "One Life to Live," "Cold Case" and "Will and Grace" before landing the career break of a lifetime as the newest Clark Kent/Superman.

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CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE "LASAGNA"

- *30 (2 1/2-inch) chocolate graham crackers*
- *2 (4-serving) packages sugar-free instant cheesecake pudding mix*
- *1 1/3 cups nonfat dry milk powder*
- *3 cups water*
- *1 cup reduced-calorie whipped topping*
- *1/4 cup mini chocolate chips*

Evenly arrange 10 chocolate graham crackers in an 11-by-7-inch biscuit pan, breaking as necessary to fit. In a large bowl, combine dry pudding mixes, dry milk powder and water. Mix well using a wire whisk. Blend in 1/2 cup whipped topping. Let set 2 to 3 minutes to start to thicken. Carefully spread 1/3 of pudding mixture over graham crackers. Arrange 10 more graham crackers over pudding layer. Spread another 1/3 of pudding mixture carefully over graham crackers. Arrange remaining 10 graham crackers over pudding. Stir remaining 1/2 cup whipped topping into remaining pudding mixture carefully spread pudding mixture evenly over crackers. Evenly sprinkle chocolate chips over top. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours. Makes 8 servings.

• Each serving equals: 168 calories, 4g fat, 5g protein, 28g carb., 463mg sodium, 1g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 2 Starch 1/2 Fat-Free Milk.

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Squash Casserole

With its cracker topping and rich filling, this casserole doubles as a hearty side dish or light vegetarian main course.

PREP: 30 minutes
BAKE: 20 minutes
MAKES: 8 accompaniment servings

- *2 tablespoons butter or margarine*
- *1 large onion (12 ounces), thinly sliced*
- *1 pound yellow squash (2 medium), cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices*
- *1 pound zucchini (2 medium), cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices*
- *1/2 teaspoon salt*
- *1 garlic clove, finely chopped*
- *1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper (cayenne)*
- *2 tablespoons all-purpose flour*
- *1/2 cup milk*
- *1/2 cup reduced-fat sour cream*
- *4 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese*
- *1/2 cup saltine cracker crumbs*

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. In 12-inch skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Add onion and cook, stirring frequently, until tender, about 5 minutes. Increase heat to medium-high. Add yellow squash, zucchini and salt, and cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, about 10 minutes. Stir in garlic and ground red pepper and cook 30 seconds. Reduce heat to low; sprinkle flour over vegetables and cook, stirring, 1 minute. Add milk and heat to boiling, stirring until browned bits are loosened from bottom of skillet. Remove from heat and stir in sour cream and 3 tablespoons Parmesan.

2. Spoon squash mixture into shallow 1 1/2-quart baking dish. Sprinkle with cracker crumbs and remaining 1 tablespoon Parmesan. Bake until bubbling at edges, about 20 minutes.

• Each serving: About 130 calories, 5g protein, 13g carbohydrate, 7g total fat (4g saturated), 17mg cholesterol, 307mg sodium.

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Books

Suburbanistas
By Pamela Redmond Satran
(Downtown Press, $13)
Reviewed by Cindy Elavsky

A good "beach read" is a book that is, above all, entertaining. It also contains a friendship, a bad guy, some glamour, some sex, and good that triumphs over evil. "Suburbanistas" by Pamela Redmond Satran has all that — and more.

Stella Powers is an A-list movie star who has just landed the role of a lifetime — not to mention a young, hot rock-star husband — when she must put her glamorous life on hold. A family tragedy brings Stella back to her hometown of Homewood, N.J., and her arrival excites the town and shakes up many lives, including her own.

While Stella has been living in L.A., her childhood best friend, Mary Jean, stayed in Homewood and married her high-school sweetheart, Pete. Mary Jean and Pete have four children and struggle to make ends meet.

Mary Jean had not spoken to Stella since the day she left town when they were 17, but she never stopped thinking about her. It was hard not to, considering Stella's face was constantly plastered across the covers of lifestyle and tabloid magazines.

Mary Jean thinks of Stella's return to Homewood as a second chance: a chance to reconnect with the only woman who knows her so completely, as well as the chance to help save the town of Homewood as they know it.

Developers have been buying up pieces of Homewood — historic houses and small-town shops — and converting them onto cookie-cutter mini-mansions and franchise store chains. As these outsiders move in, they are slowly edging longtime residents out, including Mary Jean and her family. She needs Stella and her superstar influence to help save the town.

From start to finish, "Suburbanistas" is a page-turner of a guilty pleasure. But really, there should be no guilt associated with a little literary fun.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• Soccer's World Cup is under way, and, as usual, rivalries are running high. If you're an avid follower of the sport, you might want to take note of the following cautionary tale before your temper gets out of hand: In 1994, a man forced his girlfriend to stay up late to watch a World Cup match between Sweden (his home country) and Cameroon. Exhausted — and, evidently, a bit mad — during the game she stabbed her beau to death with a pair of scissors. The truly amazing part of the tale, though, is the fact that two other ardent fans were watching the game so intently that they didn't notice the murder.

• Finley Peter Dunn defined a fanatic as "a man who does what he thinks the Lord would do if He knew the facts of the case."

• Next time you're in Beijing, China, you should make a point of stopping in the local McDonald's. Its sheer size makes it quite a sight to see, I understand. It encompasses more than 28,000 square feet and seats 700 diners. To support all those being served, the restaurant has two kitchens and 29 registers.

• Police officers have a dangerous job, but not always in the way you might expect. Studies show that those in law enforcement have a mortality rate from heart attacks that is 82 percent higher than that of the general population.

• It's been reported that silver-screen siren Marilyn Monroe hacked off the heel of one shoe to develop her signature sultry walk.

• It was George Bernard Shaw who made the following sage observation: "A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable but more useful than a life spent doing nothing."

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• **On June 18, 1815,** at Waterloo in Belgium, Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte of France suffers defeat at the hands of the Duke of Wellington, bringing an end to the Napoleonic era of European history.

• **On June 13, 1939,** Arthur "Doc" Barker, of the notorious "Bloody Barkers" gang, is killed while trying to escape from Alcatraz Prison in San Francisco Bay. Barker was spotted on the rock-strewn shore of the island after climbing over the walls and shot while trying to build a makeshift raft.

• **On June 14, 1954,** at 10 a.m., alarms are sounded in 54 selected cities as the U.S. goes through its first nationwide civil defense drill. Citizens raced to get off the streets, seek shelter and prepare for nuclear onslaught. The event stood as a stark reminder that the United States — and the world — was now living under a nuclear shadow. It was estimated that more than 12 million Americans would die in an attack.

• **On June 16, 1963,** aboard Vostok 6, Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova becomes the first woman to travel into space. After 48 orbits and 71 hours, she returned to Earth, having spent more time in space than all U.S. astronauts combined to that point.

• **On June 12, 1975,** Indira Gandhi, the prime minister of India, is found guilty of electoral corruption in her successful 1971 campaign. Despite calls for her resignation, Gandhi refused to give up India's top office and later declared martial law in the country when public demonstrations threatened to topple her administration.

• **On June 15, 1986,** Richard Petty makes his 1,000th career NASCAR start at the Miller American 400 race in Brooklyn, Mich. Petty's records of success and longevity will likely never be broken.

• **On June 17, 1994,** after a dramatic flight from justice witnessed by millions on live television, former football star and actor O.J. Simpson surrenders outside his Rockingham estate to Los Angeles police after being charged with a double murder.

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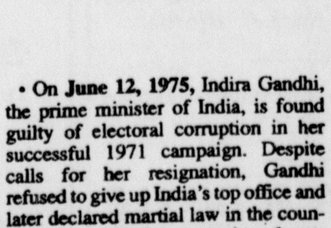
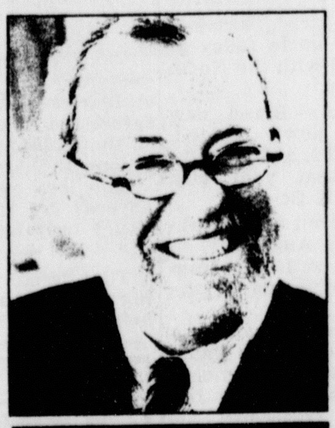


The popular name for dogs, Fido, comes from the Latin word "fidus" for faithful.

Fave Foods OF THE FAMOUS

by Steven Austin



Alexander Julian

In the dynamic world of fashion, Alexander Julian has been a household name for more than 20 years. His popular men's clothing line, including the famous "Colours" label, continues to add flavor to everything from shirts and ties to uniforms for professional athletes. His "Private Reserve" collection takes men's clothing to a new level of sophistication, and the "Alexander Julian at Home" home furnishing line remains a best-seller at furniture stores worldwide. Julian grew up in North Carolina, but after college he traded the quaint streets of beautiful Chapel Hill for the bustle of Broadway and cities around the globe. Go to www.alexanderjulian.com and www.julianstyle.com for more information.

Name your favorite colors found in the food/beverage world.

"Chardonnay, Malbec grapes and the iridescence of fish."

How about something that helps inspire you while designing.

"That's easy: English Breakfast Tea, any time of the day."

You went from North Carolina to New York City, so what are your favorite foods from each?

"Definitely Allen's Barbeque in North Carolina. Their pork sandwiches are delicious. In North Carolina, barbecue is a way of life for many. As for New York City, I favor the crab cakes at The Four Seasons restaurant, where I designed the uniforms for the captains and wait staff."

Any candy or snack from your childhood that you still enjoy?

"When I was younger, macadamia nuts were always a big treat. They still are."

Your friends know you really do cook the very best ... ?

"Ribeye steaks, without question! I get the beef from the Niman Ranch in California, and grill it in my kitchen's wood-burning stove. Just perfect."

Choose an appetizer, main course and dessert that describe your life.

"Sashimi is the appetizer, because I was a hit in Japan before making it big in the U.S. Carolina barbecue would be the main course because of my roots there. And for dessert, I'd choose meringato, since I lived in Italy for 10 years."

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ALEX'S QUICK AND EASY "MAGIC MARINADE" FOR GRILLED KUDOS

Alexander Julian says this marinade "works wonders" on steak, chicken, tuna, shrimp and chops. There are two secrets, however:

Secret No. 1: Use the best quality and freshest foods you can get. Don't skimp when it comes to the main course.

Secret No. 2: Ideally, grill over real wood. If you can't do that, add a mix of hickory, apple and mesquite chips to your coals.

For Meats:

- *2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce (Lee & Perrins)*
- *2 tablespoons teriyaki sauce (Kikkoman)*
- *Lots of fresh garlic (about 1 bulb), peeled and crushed*
- *Sea salt*
- *Freshly ground pepper*

1. Place meat in a dish with high sides. Pour a light coating of Worcestershire and teriyaki on both sides. Spread garlic liberally on each side. Sprinkle both sides with sea salt and fresh pepper.

2. Steaks and chops should be marinated in the refrigerator for 1-2 hours; chicken for 1 hour; fish, shrimp and burgers for about 30 minutes.

3. Grill meat according to taste. Serve with roasted tomatoes and large-cut fries.

This page from the region's old "Yolo Independent" is from an uncertain date, but appears to be from the Prohibition era -- perhaps the early 1920s.

PAGE FROM THE PAST

EIGHT INDEPENDENT-LEADER

WASHINGTON NEWS ITEMS

The Sacramento River registered 8 ft. 6 in., U. S. gauge at the S. P. bridge yesterday.

M. H. Stitt, ex-Supervisor of Yolo, was a visitor in Washington last Wednesday, renewing old acquaintances and visiting some old friends who had been under the weather.

Sheriff J. W. Monroe was a visitor last Monday on official business from the county seat

The service station lately opened by Doyle and Fraser on Fifth Street south of Anne, has been doing a splendid business since the date of its opening and has been so successful that the owners are now about to install a rest room for autoists who apply to them for service. This is a very necessary provision, for it is extraordinary the number of automobiles that pass this place every day.

The Washington Star Club held its regular meeting last Wednesday evening and before the close of the session developed more or less into a farewell party for Billy Norton, who is about to leave for Watertown, Wisconsin, where he expects to remain with his grandfather for a month or more.

Last Sunday the Washington Giants were walloped disgracefully by the Nicolaus Pups in a game that ended with a score of 6 to 3 against the Washington boys. This walloping was a great surprise to the local boys, for they believed themselves to be masters of the situation even before they left here for Nicolaus. They were geratly humiliated also because several automobile loads of local people went to Nicolaus to root for the Giants. Since their return they are practicing every evening with a good deal of renewed energy and before the next challenge is sent out they will at least know how to catch and field and run bases when the opportunity comes.

Ford—New Penn cup cord tires; motor excellent. This car does not look like much, but runs fine. Come and drive it away for $175.00. Flint Motor Co., 1220 K St.—adv.

The F. Lynch family is the latest arrival in town, having purchased a lot near Fourth and Elizabeth Streets from W. Smith. Lynch is now building a small house of about two rooms which he expects to add to later on. He is a young man having steady employment in Sacramento.

Several local young men are sporting new automobiles lately purchased from Sacramento dealers. Among these are Fred L. White, Jr., who is sporting a new Star; F. Gabrielli, a Chevrolet sport car, and P. E. Wolfe, a Chevrolet touring car. Very soon an automobile will be standing at the door of nearly every home in Washington when mealtime comes around.

A marked improvement has been made nevt door to the Washington Meat Market where an old stairway that formed a part of the sidewalk has been a nuisance for several years. The stairway has been removed and the low gap has been filled with dirt by Harbinson Bros. The grade will be sloped to the sidewalk west of that property and a concrete walk will be laid on the new formed sidewalk. A retaining wall is being built in front of the Harbinson cottage next to the meat market to support the weight of the walk and the concrete. Ed Moss, proprietor of the market, is thanking the Lord that this improvement is being made, for the old stairway was a marked detriment to his business.

Mystery Overland 1922—Looks like new, driven very few miles, bound to give great satisfaction. $425.00 takes it and we make liberal terms. Flint Motor Co., 1220 K St.—adv.

Mrs. F. Smith, sister of Supervisor Leinberger, has been seriously sick with pneumonia in the Sisters' Hospital during the past week, following an operation which she underwent a few weeks ago. Yesterday her condition was greatly improved, so much so that she is expected to return to her home in less than a week.

A dance at the town hall next Saturday night will be in the shape of a hard time party. The restrictions have been placed very stringently for this dance so that anyone who appears in Sunday rags or other glad rags will be peremptorily ejected from the hall. The sociability that prevails at these town hall dances is becoming proverbial and great crowds are attending just for the enjoyment that is in the sociability that seems universal.

W. Campbell is the latest purchaser of the Washington Hotel business. The place changed hands yesterday and it is Campbell's intention to conduct the place in a most orderly and respectable manner. The hotel was lately raided by agents of the District Attorney from Woodland and a small amount of claret was found in the place. The owner, D. Pellini, immediately sold his interest to Campbell, who will conduct the place so that no fault may be found. The reports circulated in the daily papers in Sacramento and in the Woodland papers that children were found in the hotel where liquor was being sold was without foundation, for there were no children in the hotel at the time.

Chevrolet—Runs good, looks good, has good tires. What more do you want? Easy terms for your family conveyance. Flint Motor Co., 1220 K St.—adv.

Miss D. Kruger has been replaced in the accounting department of the West Sacramento Co. by Mr. Turner, who has been bookkeeper with the firm for several years. When the reorganization took place some time ago it was understood that Miss Kruger would continue in the position she held for so many years with the corporation.

W. Norton and wife and two children

JUDGE BARRY FULLY RECOVERED FROM LATE ILLNESS

No bad effects have been left with Judge Barry following the late spell of sickness which he underwent, so that even now he is able to be around his home and has been on the streets for the past few days.

When the attack struck him he had a slight paralysis of the right hand that inconvenienced him to a great extent, but under excellent care and first class medical attention that disability has also been removed.

For several days he was greatly inconvenienced by a high blood pressure, but that too has been reduced so that at the present time he is quite comfortable and getting along as well as could be expected. He is devoting his attention to the duties of his office as usual and many friends hope he will continue to do so for many years to come.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY KERN HELPS IN BOOTLEG RAIDS

Last Friday night at the Washington Hotel a raid was made by Constable Buckingham, accompanied by District Attorney George T. Kern.

D. Pellini was arrested and charged under the Wright Act and taken to Woodland. He was bailed out under $1000 bonds by George Beltrami and A. Cortopassi.

A detective in the employ of the District Attorney had secured evidence he claimed on April 4th and on April 28th, but on the night of the raid only a little claret wine was found by the raiding party.

All the residents of the Washington Hotel are of Italian birth and since they have been educated from childhood to use wine as a food, most of them are unable to recognize any crime in its use.

It is a strange thing that the District Attorney of Yolo County finds time to make these raids in Washington and Knights Landing while liquor flows without limit within the limits of Woodland and right under the noses of the officials in the court house and the city officials in the city hall.

Main Street in Woodland may be clear of intoxicants, but outside of Main Street it is a well known fact that bootleg wine and whiskey are being distributed without regard to either the Wright Act or the Volstead Law.

Nobody finds fault with District Attorney Kern, because every day in every way he is being poked in the ribs by a clique of reformers who find time to interfere with other people's business.

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sin. Mr. Norton's father is an old resident of Watertown but is now advancing in years and becoming feeble to such an extent that he is unable to make a trip to the coast to see his son and grandchildren, hence the Norton family will go East to pay him a visit.

Plans have been completed for the dance which the Parent-Teacher Association will give tomorrow night at the school. The proceeds will be used to finance the annual school picnic. This dance will be the last of the present school term.

The "Broderick Rainbows" were victorious in a baseball game played yesterday at Southside Park with the William Land Stars by the score of 17 to 12.

The Washington girls' baseball team played a return game today at the Washington school with the North Sacramento girls' team.

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Mrs. Harry Van Baaren has returned from a visit to Los Angeles.

William McClure is suffering from an attack of blood poisoning in the hand.

The Washington girls' baseball team was defeated last Friday in a game played with the North Sacramento girls' team at the latter school by the score of 36 to 19.

B. F. Hillhouse of Woodland, county assessor, was a business visitor in Washington last Saturday.

The board of trustees of the Washington school in a meeting Tuesday elected Mrs. Belle Parkinson as president and F. L. White, Sr., as secretary.

Miss Ethel Cook and Mrs. William Gordon and son came over from Napa for a week-end visit.

A group of a score of the friends of Miss Dorothy Van Deren gave a party last Friday night in her honor. The evening was spent with games and dancing.

Dr. J. Munsey Bulpritt and sister, Miss Harriet Bulpritt, of Modesto, came up from their home on a short business trip and were guests during their stay at the home of their great-aunt, Mrs. J. McNevin.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Hart motored last Sunday to Nicolaus to attend a baseball game between the Yolo Giants and the Nicolaus team.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Clifford and Miss Leona Thatcher motored yesterday to Mormon Island.

STABBING AFFRAY RESULTS IN LITTLE DAMAGE TO LOCAL MAN

M. A. Henderson, a resident of Margaret Street for some time past, was the complainant in Judge Harrison's court in Woodland following an affray that took place near his home at Second and Margaret Streets last Sunday.

From the story told Judge Harrigon, it appears that A. Rutherford crossed the bridge from Sacramento with an overdose of canned heat. Under the M Street bridge Henderson's boy was at play near the edge of the river. In pastime he sprinkled water from the river on Rutherford who was resting on the bank, which was resented by the man.

Rutherford told his story to Constable Buckingham and further said that he took the Henderson boy to his home to remonstrate with his parents about the boy's actions.

Henderson became enraged and attacked Rutherford with a club and even drew a knife on him. At this evidence of intended assault, Rutherford drew his knife and attacked Henderson, cutting him severely around the neck and ears and shoulders.

District Attorney Kern has taken up the case of Henderson, but from present appearances it looks as if there will be no prosecution, for the evidence shows that Henderson was the aggressor.

The Henderson boy claimed that Rutherford had offered him money to commit a statutory crime, but that he refused it. Rutherford claimed that the money was offered to the Henderson boy if he would only cease throwing water on him while he was at rest on the bank of the river. Rutherford has left Sacramento, with the likelihood there will be no prosecution.

CONTRACT FOR WEST SACTO ROAD POSTPONED TO NEXT TUESDAY

Woodland, May 9.—Bids for the repaving of a broken up stretch of two mile roadway and for the construction of a new highway of about the same length in West Sacramento, were opened by the Yolo County Supervisors, but the contracts were not let. Action was deferred to a special meeting to be held here next Tuesday.

The Hart Construction Company of Red Bluff presented the lowest bid. Their estimate is about $88,000.

The two miles of broken up highway to be replaced will have a concrete shoulder with asphaltum wearing surface. The two miles of new highway will be of the regular concrete type.

The Hart Company proposed to use the Willite pavement materials to cover the broken up road. Hewitt Davenport is manager-president of the Willite Company. Adolph Teichert & Son and Thomas Byrne of Sacramento were other bidders.

CLARKSBURG FIRE CAUSED $1500 LOSS

Clarksburg, May 5.—W. E. Ferry, whose warehouse in the Clarksburg district was destroyed by fire on April 22, has estimated his loss at about $1500, according to word received here yesterday.

Charles Vosburg of Woodland was interested in some of the grain stored in the building at the time of the fire, among it 255 sacks of barley.

The loss on the building was not covered by insurance, a very light policy only being held by the owner.

That cafeteria man who is advertising for a slogan might try: "Heaven helps those who help themselves."

RECLAMATION BONDS OF DISTRICT 785 ABOVE PAR

Woodland, May 5.—That Yolo County reclamation projects stand ace high, and further that Yolo County agricultural enterprises are regarded as the safest investment by bonding houses, was forcibly brought home to local interests when for the first time within the memory of local financiers, reclamation district bonds sold for a price above par. This all happened in County Treasurer Roy E. Cole's office late yesterday afternoon when $100,484.99 worth of reclamation district No. 785 bonds were sold to the highest bidder of four competing bond houses. The district is in Yolo County, at Merkley Station, and along the line of the Sacramento Northern Railroad, and A. A. Merkley, Julius Blauth and A. D. Schindler are the trustees.

The bonds were sold for the purpose of taking up warrants against the district, which some time ago assessed its acreage for general development purposes.

Stephens & Company, bond buyers of San Francisco, bid $100,501 for the $100,484.99 of bonds, being $16.01 above par. The California National Bank of Sacramento, represented by Howard Parker of this city, bid $100,499.99, being $15 above par and just $1.01 below the successful bidder. The other two bidders were slightly below par. These bidders and their bids were: Council, Moller & Co., of San Francisco, $99,781.59, and Weeden & Company of San Francisco, $99,630, this one being $854.99 below par, which made it the lowest bid.

Cole contended the Capital National Bank bid was the best because the terms of purchase of the bonds made no restrictions, but the trustees adhered to the policy of accepting the highest, bid, with the result that the Stephens people of San Francisco were successful by a margin of $1.01.

According to those interested in the sale, the bids were unusual in many respects, it seldom happening that on so large an amount of bonds, there was such a small margin on which to make a selection among bidders.

Both Cole, Murray and the trustees of the district, all of them interested in the progress of Yolo County, state that the bid of the San Francisco and Sacramento houses, offering more than par for reclamation district bonds, is a high compliment paid to Yolo County, her productivity and the manner in which her reclamation projects are supervised and managed.

MARRIED BUT WIFE'S NAME REMAINS SAME

Marriage means nothing in the changing of names to a Clarksburg couple securing a marriage license here yesterday afternoon and married last evening in Clarksburg. The license was issued to Frank J. Avila, aged 30, and Hilda M. Avila, aged 23 years, both of Clarksburg district. Though of the same name, the couple are not related and were never married before. Mr. and Mrs. Avila are interested in the agricultural life of Clarksburg district.

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"This drill went extremely well," stated Bill Summers, HazMat Manager, West Sacramento Fire Department. "It was a team effort by many agencies, and provided us the opportunity to continue to hone our skills and our multi-agency response to an event."

The drill was a multi-agency response that included Fire Department and HazMat response teams from the cities of West Sacramento, Sacramento, Woodland and Davis, Yolo County Health Department, Sacramento County and UC Davis. The volunteers who agreed to "strip & shower" were comprised of work site employees, Red Cross volunteers, Yolo County Citizen Emergency Response Teams and Health Department HazMat technical support personnel.

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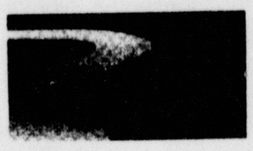

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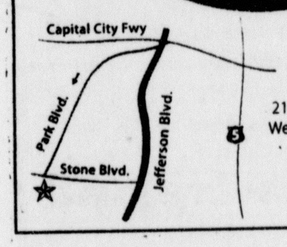

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Anna Street Baptist Church Rev. Norman Pollitt, 371-6560 1400 Anna St., W. Sac. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Prayer Time 6:30 p.m.	**Community Lutheran Church** Rev. Marjorie C. Beach, Pastor 920 Drever St. ■ 371-8804 10 a.m. Worship/Sunday School Friendly, family, inclusive language. The 'come as you are' church.	**Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church** 911 Park Blvd., 371-4814 Father Jos. Karikattil, Pastor Masses: Sat. Vigil 5:30pm Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m. Weekdays 7 a.m. No Mass on Thursday
Center for Spiritual Awareness 1020 W. Capitol Ave., 374-9177 Sun. services 9 & 11 am Meditation at 10:30 a.m. Praise & worship 10:45 a.m. Junior church for all ages at 11 am	**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints** 2667 Linden Road Bishop Ray Jackson, (916) 372-1113 Sunday Meeting Times: Sacrament Meeting, 9 a.m. PUBLIC WELCOME!	**Seventh Day Adventist Church** Frank Hightower, Elder 519-5329 2860 Jefferson Blvd., W. Sac. PO Box 447, W. Sac. 95691 Sat. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. 372-6570
Trinity Presbyterian Church 1500 Park Blvd., W. Sac. Rev. Steve Whitney (916) 371-5875 9am: Family-Friendly Contemporary Service 11am: Blended Traditional & Contemporary Service	**Holy Cross Catholic Church** 1321 Anna St. (near Todhunter) Pastor Giancarlo Mittempergher Sat. Vigil 5 p.m. (English) Sunday 9 (English) Noon & 7 p.m. (Spanish) Mon 8:30am, Tues-Wed 7am, Thurs. 6:45 (Spanish), Fri. 8:30 a.m. Call 371-1211	**First Southern Baptist Church** Rev. Gregory W. Kirk Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Sun. Worship 11am Wed. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 2124 Michigan Blvd. 371-2111
SouthPort Community Church Pastor Bruce Maier Celebration Worship Sunday 10:30 a.m. KidLand during service. Youth & Small Group Ministry for All Ages. 1350 Halyard Dr., W. Sac. 372-7818 www.southportcommunity.com	**WestSide Covenant Church** Worship Services at Collings Teen Center 1541 Merkley Ave. Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. www.westsidecov.org 371-3933	**New Discovery Christian Church** Now meeting at Elkhorn Village Elementary School, 750 Cummins Way, West Sac. at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Jerry Green (916) 600-3784
Horizon Christian Fellowship Rev. Claude J Perez, Sr., Pastor 1800 Manzanita Way, 371-3458 SUN Worship 9:30 & 11 am SUN Worship & Prayer 6pm WED Bible Study 7pm THURS Youth Group 7pm 1st & 3rd FRI Singles 7pm 2nd FRI Women's Fellowship 7pm	**River of Life Church** 3605 Gregory Ave (in Southport, where Jefferson, Davis & Gregory meet) Worship Sun. 10 a.m. Youth Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Call 371-6706 www.intheriver.com	*Is your worship center listed here? Call 371-8030 to find out how to list your place of worship.*

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT EIR

A Draft Environmental Impact Report has been prepared for the Riverpoint Marketplace Tentative Subdivision Map project located south of Reed Avenue, west of Harbor Boulevard, east of the Interstate 80, and north of Union Pacific rail line in the City of West Sacramento. This Draft EIR has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project.

The project would entail subdividing 11 existing parcels on 73+/- acres into 21 parcels to allow for the reconfiguration of the existing office building parcel, the IKEA home furnishings parcel, and the additional development of 322,600 square feet of commercial retail uses. The existing office building and IKEA are to remain, however, the circulation surrounding these lots would be reconfigured. Riverpoint Court would be realigned to connect to Harbor Boulevard and would terminate at a roundabout adjacent to the planned Wal-Mart store.

The Draft EIR notes impacts on the environment and contains mitigation measures, which if implemented, would reduce the potential impacts to less than significant. The EIR also notes impacts which cannot be mitigated.

Copies of the Draft EIR are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Public Works & Community Development Department at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd Floor, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (telephone: 916/617-4645).

Any affected or interested parties may comment on the Draft EIR beginning on June 7 and comments are due before 5:00 p.m. on July 24, 2006, by calling or writing to Charline Hamilton, Associate Planner, of the Public Works & Community Development Department at the above address and telephone number. Any affected party may also appear at the June 15, 2006, Planning Commission meeting and comment on the Draft EIR and/or the proposed project. Please contact the Community Development Department to confirm the meeting date, time, and location.

Upon completion of the review period, a Final EIR will be prepared based on the input received about the Draft EIR.

June 7

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD
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NOTICE TO TAXPAYER

The State Board of Equalization has granted the Assessor an extension of time to complete this year's tax roll to July 31, 2006.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period during which assessment protests will be accepted by the filing of a written application begins on July 2, 2006 and ends on November 30, 2006.

Assessment protests in the form of a written application may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Yolo, Erwin Meier Administration Center, 625 Court Street, Room 204, Woodland, California. The application forms will be available in this office as of July 2, 2006 and at: www.yolocounty.org

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the time the Assessment Appeals Board will meet to equalize assessments of property on the local roll is August 23, 2006, at 9:00 A.M. and shall continue in session for that purpose from time to time until the business of equalization is completed.

Dated: June 1, 2006
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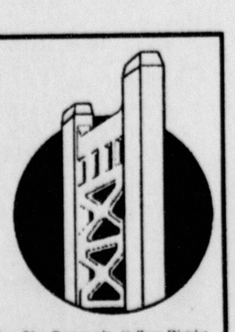

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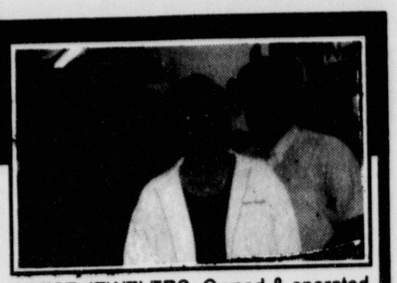
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Local Scene

Free lunch for kids

Free lunches for children 18 and under will be available June 19 through Aug. 11 at various West Sacramento locations. Lunches will be available weekdays at Bryte Park, Elkhorn Park, Westfield School, Memorial Park (401 Regent St.), Linden Park (Linden & Summerfield Rd.) and Meadowdale Park, courtesy of the summer "K.I.D.S." program and the the city parks department. Funded by the state Department of Education. For information including times of day, call 617-4620.

Vacation Bible School

Trinity Presbyterian Church plans a Vacation Bible School June 19-23, from 6-8 p.m. daily at 1500 Park Blvd. Music, stories, snacks & more for kids age two through sixth grade. Adults can participate in a simultaneous class discussing issues raised in the book and movie "The Da Vinci Code." Call 371-5875 or visit www.TrinityWestSac.org.

Hire a student

River City High School is working to place students in jobs with area businesses (students under 18 need a work permit issued on campus). If your company is interested in hiring a student worker, phone or fax Ron Pina, 375-7800 (fax: 375-7809) of the school's Regional Occupation Program.

Class of '86

The River City High Class of 1986 plans a 20-year reunion on Sept. 16 at Zigatos. For information, email rcclassof86reunion@sbcglobal.net or visit www.wsac.net/rchs86reunion.

'Fun Day'

Trinity Presbyterian Church plans a "Kids' Fun Day" on Sat., June 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1500 Park Blvd. Kids (and parents/guardians) may enjoy bounce houses, learn about fire safety, watch police demonstrations, and participate in games and crafts and enjoy refreshments. No charge. Call 371-5875 for information.

Bingo!

Soroptimist International of West Sacramento will host "Bingo for Baskets" and a tostada lunch on Sun., June 11, from 1-4 p.m. at the VFW Hall on Drever St. $12 includes lunch at noon and 15 games. Prizes are valued at $35-$50. Proceeds benefit local service projects. Bring a friend and your dauber. For tickets, call 371-4268.

Fireworks!

BridgeFest will be celebrated Monday, July 3, starting at 6 p.m. on the Daniel C. Palamidessi Bridge (near Lake Washington Blvd.). A fireworks show will start after dusk. Entertainment, live music and more; no charge. Sponsored by the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce.

Adopt a kitty

The Yolo County Animal Services Department is seeking homes for homeless cats and kittens. Spring and summer are the times when the shelter overflows with cats of all ages, sizes and colors. The shelter at 2640 East Gibson Rd. in Woodland is open weekdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed for lunch 1-2 p.m.). Shelter adoption policies require permission from your landlord if you do not own your own residence, and require proof of residence. Small children must meet the potential new pet. Call (530) 668-5287.

Interfaith

Representatives of different faith traditions are invited to the monthly "brown bag lunch" meeting of the West Sacramento Interfaith Gathering, at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, June 9, at the Center for Spiritual Awareness, 1020 West Capitol Avenue. Call 798-8724.

Free sports

Boys and girls age 10-16 are eligible to attend the free National Youth Sports program held at UC Davis, including swimming, basketball, tennis, soccer, fencing and an introduction to college life. The West Sacramento Parks Department will provide transportation. Limited to 50 students. Call the parks department, 617-4620.

Seniors & driving

Senior citizens looking to sharpen their driving skills may attend a workshop from 9 a.m. to noon at the West Sacramento Senior Center, 664 Cummins Way, on June 27. Reserve your space before June 21 by calling Aman Kaur at 373-5819 or emailing amank@cityofwestsacramento.org.

Bible School

Southport Community Church will host a Vacation Bible School for kids up to 12 years old from 6-8 p.m. June 12-16 at the church, 1350 Halyard Drive. The theme will be Bible Heroes, with crafts, Bible stories, and fun. Call 372-7818..

History trip

The West Sacramento Historical Society plans a field trip to the Huntington, Hopkins & Company hardware store in Old Sacramento on June 10, where Joan Liffring will talk about the importance of the store during the gold rush. The store is located at 111 I Street in the "Big Four" building next to the railroad museum. The group will carpool to the site at 9:30 a.m. from West Sacramento. Call the historical society at 374-1849 (leave a message if necessary).

Pre-kindergarten

Washington Unified School District will host a "kindgergarten jumpstart" program June 20 through July 19, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. daily at Evergreen, Elkhorn and Westfield Village elementary schools. No charge. Intended for children who have enrolled to start kindergarten in the district and have little or no preschool experience. Fun learning is planned. Call 375-7620.

WUSD office hours

Washington Unified School District's office will be open for summer hours, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays, June 12 through Aug. 11, but will be closed for lunch 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily. The district office is located at 930 Westacre Road. For information, call 375-7600.

Summer at library

Sacramento River Cats mascot "Dinger" will visit the local library branch, 1212 Merkley Avenue, Saturday June 10 at 11 a.m; drop by and say hello. The library will be hosting a reading club for preschoolers through sixth grade and another for teens in seventh through 12th grade this summer. Programs for school-age children will be held Tuesdays at 2 p.m., beginning with a visit June 13 from Natures Critters. Other programs will include a magician, stories, the Explorit Library Science Adventure, and more.

Preschool storytime will be held Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. beginning June 24.

Spanish storytime is scheduled Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. beginning June 24.

Teen programs will be held on selected Thursdays at 4 p.m., beginning June 15. Programs include guest speakers, crafts and more. Call 375-6465.

Help paying bill

Eligible low-income residents may qualify for a 20 percent discount on their PG&E bill through the California Alternate Rate for Energy (CARE) program. PG&E will send you a CARE application with your June bill package, and callers may call a multilingual help line at 1-866-PGE-CARE for more information, or may visit www.pge.com/care. Other available programs include the REACH program, providing a one-time grant to help pay your bill, assistance from FERA for households of three or more, "Energy Partners" providing free weatherization help, "medical baseline" for those dependent on life-support equipment and a "balanced payment" program to even out monthly payments.

Volunteer for events

The West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers to help with its June 15 golf tournament, the July 3 "Bridgefest" event and fireworks show, and "West Sac on the Go," scheduled for Sept. 28. Call 371-7042.

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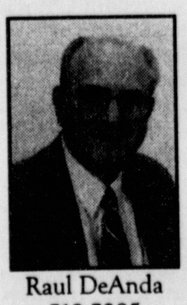
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